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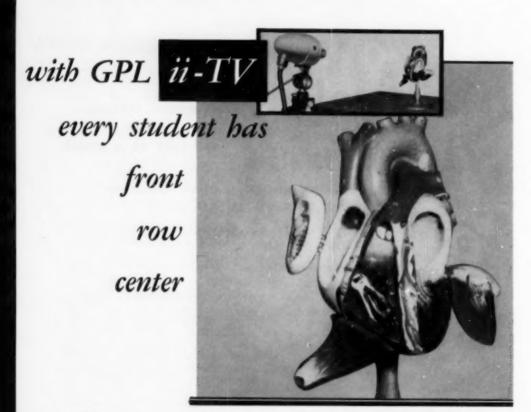
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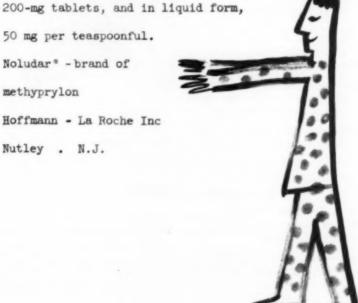
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### Introduction

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NTEREST in the history of medical education has for a long time been much stronger in the U.S.A. than in European countries. This is not surprising in view of the fact that in the U.S. some very decisive events in the history of medical education have taken place in the lifetime of most older medical educators -and it is a widespread feeling that some equally decisive events will take place in the lifetime of the younger generation of medical educators. It is therefore no accident that this Journal has carried repeatedly historical articles in the past and that several members of its Editorial Board have been actively engaged in elucidating certain aspects of the history of medical education. Both events reflect the conviction that historical analysis can play a positive role in understanding the present and shaping the future of medical education.

In considering a program of reprinting certain meaningful documents from the history of medical education, the Editorial Board felt that it might be useful to develop a more systematic program for historical contributions in the Journal, and on February 5, 1955 it placed the undersigned in charge of developing such a program. After consulting with several of my colleagues who are particularly interested in this facet of medical history° I have submitted such a program to the Editorial Board and obtained its approval.

This program does not mean that from now on the Journal will be swamped by historical articles. It does mean that such articles will appear at regular intervals; will be, if possible, written by the best authorities available on the particular subject, and will eventually give a reasonably complete picture of the

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<sup>°</sup>I would like to express at this occasion my sincere thanks to Dr. A. M. Chesney, Dr. Genevieve Miller, Dr. W. F. Norwood, Dr. G. Rosen, Dr. R. H. Shryock and Dr. O. Temkin for their generous help and advice in the preparation of the program.

problems which medical education has faced in the United States in the past and the solutions it has adopted. Insofar as European models have played a role in these developments, they too will be discussed shortly. For technical reasons it will not be possible to always present contributions in chronological order, but it is hoped that we will eventually be able to present them in such order in a separate volume.

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institutions, and on special problems like the economic history of medical education in the United States. We welcome criticism and suggestions.

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### **Medical Education in the American Colonies**

### GENEVIEVE MILLER

THE CHARACTER of medical education in any period of history depends upon a complex network of predetermining factors partly of non-medical origin. The structure of society with its predominant interests is just as significant as the contemporary state of medical knowledge or the prevailing diseases. The nature of the healers from whom medical aid is sought reflects the pivotal bases of security to which people cling when in trouble. If a society places its greatest confidence in religion, as in the Western European

Middle Ages, supernatural aid will be sought chiefly and the medical personnel will be primarily clerical; in a more secular age such as ours men tend to rely upon the constructions of their intellect and entrust their healing activities to those who are imbued with such knowledge. The kind of training which evolves is an immediate indication not only of this primary orientation of society, whether religious or secular, but also of other elements such as its economic status, quantitative aspects, major health hazards, and its philosophy of health and disease.

The colonization of America occurred at a time when Western

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European society was undergoing a metamorphosis. Columbus sailed to the West Indies at the height of the Renaissance before Luther, Zwingli or Calvin had begun their mission; lingering aftermaths of the Reformation were bringing religious refugees to the shores of the New World as late as the eighteenth century when the colonial period came to an end. The expanding commerce which sought new products overseas and stimulated colonial settlement in turn generated business conditions which eventually strained the ties between colony and mother country through rival economies. Concurrent with the discovery of new lands, with these religious and economic changes, a new world of nature was being explored. After the recovery of the best thought of antiquity, uncorrupted texts of classical authors, men learned to look at nature not only as the Greeks had done, but what was more important, to see it with their own eyes. The discovery and colonization of the New World ran parallel with and was analogous to the discovery and exploration of the whole realm of natural phenomena. There was a reciprocal reaction between the two which molded the character of early modern times in all its cultural manifestations.

While increments were being made in medical knowledge during this period, of which the names of Vesalius, Paré, Paracelsus, Harvey, Sydenham and Malpighi will serve as conspicuous reminders, the genuine revolution in medicine did not occur until after the American colonial period. Therefore no incisive changes occurred in either the theory or practice of medicine which modified the art or the methods by which it was taught. The new worlds of anatomy and botany revealed by Vesalius and Fuchs, or of physiology

presaged by Harvey, demanded several centuries of increasingly precise observation and the concurrent development of ancillary sciences like physics and chemistry before any fundamental insights into human biology could be secured and fruitful application made. Therefore, regardless of shifting fashions of theory, in the colonial period any change which might be detected in medical education arose less from the internal growth of medical science and more from external factors such as the philosophy of education in general, from the demands of the social group, or the contingencies of the environment.

### Colonial Healers

When permanent settlement began along the Atlantic seaboard in the early 17th century the type of healer was determined largely by the character of the colony. For commercial undertakings such as the London Company at Jamestown, the Dutch West India Company at New Amsterdam, or the Swedish West India Company along the Delaware provision was made by the companies for the medical care of their colonists, usually through a contract with a salaried surgeon or apothecary who was hired to serve the colony for a specified period. The Massachusetts Bay Company likewise employed company doctors to care for its sick in the beginning, but the theological predisposition of the New England settlers inclined them towards their religious leaders for medical guidance also. Deacon Samuel Fuller attended the original Mayflower group at Plymouth and served as medical consultant until his death in 1632. The Reverend Thomas Thacher of the old South Church in Boston issued the first printed medical document in the British colonies in order to aid his fellow townsmen during a smallpox epidemic in the winter of 1677-78, while the Mathers, Increase and Cotton, took the initiative in introducing smallpox inoculation to Boston a generation later.

In most instances in the earliest days of colonization the "comforters for the sick," as the Dutch designated them, were not university graduates holding the degree of doctor of medicine. The company surgeons were invariably trained by the apprenticeship method which had evolved in the Middle Ages to teach crafts of all kinds by practical experience, and the clerical advisers had usually "read" medicine as part of their general university education preparing them for the ministry. Their knowledge of Greek and especially Latin, the universal language of scholarship including medicine, made classical medical authors accessible to them and the libraries of university graduates of whatever faculty usually contained medical works. John Winthrop Jr., the first governor of Connecticut who had graduated from Dublin, was frequently sought for a sort of medical aid which was not uncommon-prescriptions and advice for maladies described in letters.

University-trained medical graduates were the exception, and the sparseness of population at first made their profession economically unsound. Even after a hundred years of colonization in Virginia Adam Cunningham, a young Scotsman with medical training, could not make a living among the planters. At Williamsburg and its environs in 1730 he reported no fewer than 25 to 30 physicians for a population of at most sixty families, and of these only two lived well. Travelling in other parts of Maryland and Virginia he found that the country was either amply supplied with medical help or else was too poor to support a doctor. He noted that all of the successful practitioners had made their fortune by becoming merchants in addition.\(^1\) Others like Dr. Johannes La Montagne, a Leyden graduate who settled in New Amsterdam and became a member of the Governor's Council, played an active role in politics, just as Cadwallader Colden with an Edinburgh M.D. abandoned his medical practice in New York for politics in 1720.\(^2\)

### Poor Standards

The plenitude of "phisitions" reported by Cunningham in 1730 symptomatized the lax standards of colonial medical practice. In newly created communities blatant abuse of medical prerogatives and especially of fees eventually led to legislative regulation, and in some colonies like Connecticut and Rhode Island licenses to practice were issued by the General Courts. Put there were no adequate provisions for examining the qualifications of even those who were officially licensed and by the beginning of the 18th century public confidence in the homebred practitioners was waning. Some educated colonists preferred to write to England for medical advice, and European trained physicians who migrated to the colonies found much to criticize. Visiting Albany in 1744 Dr. Alexander Hamilton of Annapolis found that the doctors were "all empirics, having no knowledge of learning but what they have acquired by

<sup>1.</sup> WHITFIELD J. BELL, JR.: "Dr. Adam Cunningham: Physick and Traffick in Old Virginia," Bull. Cleveland Med. Library, 1954, 1, 67-69.

<sup>2.</sup> WILLIAM F. NORWOOD: Medical Education in the United States before the Civil War (Philadelphia, 1944), p. 16.

bare experience. They study chiefly the virtues of herbs, and the woods there furnish their shops with all the pharmacy they use. A great many of them take the care of a family for the value of a Dutch dollar a year, which makes the practise of physick a mean thing and unworthy of the application of a gentleman. The doctors here are all barbers."

### Apprenticeship

The only form of medical education available in the British colonies until late in the colonial period was that of apprenticeship. A favored few returned to Europe for a university education, but many of these never came back. Besides there was little inducement to undergo the 11-year medical curriculum prescribed by a university like Cambridge for a diploma which possessed prestige value primarily. Much more practical was the system of learning as an apprentice to a local practitioner who took young boys into his home for a number of years, usually from five to seven, to perform the multiple duties of student and servant. In exchange for food, clothing and shelter, the apprentice tended the doctor's shop, mixed prescriptions, read books in his preceptor's library and accompanied him on his calls. Legal indentures bound the medical student to his preceptor in the same manner as craftsmen of all sorts were bound to their masters. Apprenticeship was the universal form of vocational training in colonial times for craftsmen and gentlemen alike, producing merchants, solicitors, physicians and surgeons as well as tallow-chandlers,

bricklayers and other "mechanics." The form of such a contract is illustrated in the following unusually detailed indenture drawn up in 1734 in Marlboro, Massachusetts:

"This Indenture Witnesseth, That Hollister Baker, a minor, aged about sixteen, son of Mr. Edm'd Baker, late of Marlborough, in the County of Middlesex, gent. deceased. Of his own free will and accord and with the consent of Benj'n Woods, of Marlborough, in county aforesaid his guardian, doeth put and bind himself to be an apprentice unto Benj'n Gott, in the county aforesaid, physician, to learn his art, trade, or mystery, and with him the said Benj'n Gott, after the manner of an apprentice to dwell and serve from the day of the date hereof, for and during the full and just term of five years and four months next ensuing, and fully to be compleat and ended. During all which said term the said apprentice his said master and mistress honestly and faithfully shall serve; their secrets keep close; their lawful and reasonable commands everywhere gladly do and perform. Damage to his said master and mistress he shall not willfully do; his master's goods he shall not waste, embezel, purloin or lend unto others, nor suffer the same to be wasted or purloined: but to his power shall forthwith discover and make known the same to his said master and mis-

"Taverns nor alehouses he shall not frequent, or cards or dice, or any other unlawful games he shall not play. Fornication he shall not commit, nor matrimony contract with any person during said term. From his master's service he shall not at any time unlawfully absent himself, but in all things as a good, honest and faithful servant and apprentice shall bear and behave himself towards his said master during the full term of five years and four months, commencing as aforesaid.

"And the said Benj'n Gott for himself doeth covenant, promise, grant and agree unto and with his said apprentice in manner and

<sup>3.</sup> Gentleman's Progress. The Itinerarium of Dr. Alexander Hamilton 1744. Edited with an Introduction by Carl Bridenbaugh (Chapel Hill, 1948), pp. 65-66.

form following, that is to say, that he will teach the said apprentice, or cause him to be taught by the best ways and means that he may or can the trade, art or mystery of a physician, according to his own best skill and judgment (if the said apprentice be capable to learn), and will find and provide for and unto said apprentice good and sufficient meat, drink, washing and lodging during said term, both in sickness and in health; his mother all said term finding said apprentice all his clothing, of all sorts, fitting for an apprentice during said term; and at the end of said term to dismiss said apprentice with good skill in arithmetick, Latin, and also in the Greek grammar.

"In testimony whereof, the said parties to these present indentures have interchangeably set their hands and seals the eighth day of January, in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign, Lord George ye Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three-four.

"Hollister Baker. (Seal.)
"Benj'n Woods. (Seal.)
"Benj'n Gott. (Seal.)
"Signed, sealed and delivered in
the presence of

"John Mead.
"Elizabeth Woods."4

In the late colonial period the status of a servant was usually replaced by the payment of an annual fee amounting to approximately one hundred dollars. In such a case the student was not required to live at his preceptor's home.<sup>5</sup>

### Prescriptions

Although certain standard drugs were sold at apothecary shops in the larger towns, colonial physicians frequently had to prepare many of their own, as the homeland was far away and imported drugs were very expensive. The apprentices were particularly useful in gathering and compounding herbs, barks, roots and other substances. The diary of young Alexander Anderson, later reknowned as an engraver, who was a medical apprentice in New York in 1795 tells of making a syrup of licorice root and of searching for yellow dock root, valuable for treating the itch, which he found "in a lot near the Battery."6 Many physicians grew ordinary medicinal plants in their own gardens, one of the most famous of which was that of Dr. Gustavus Richard Brown (1747 - 1804)Southern Maryland, which occupied 10 acres and contained plants from all over the world. The colonial physician's shop must have presented an impressive array of pewter gallipots, syrup bottles and unguent pots, in addition to the apparatus for preparing prescriptions such as mortars and pestles, balances, flasks and alembics for distillations.

### Dissections

It is doubtful whether many medical apprentices in early colonial times performed or witnessed a dissection. Legal provision was made in the Massachusetts colony in 1647 that students of medicine or surgery "may have liberty to reade anatomy & to anatomize once in foure yeares some malefactor in case there be such as the Courts shall allow of," but with such an uncertain supply there would be little opportunity. Autopsies of persons who died from mysterious

<sup>4.</sup> Other sample indentures are given in Genevieve Miller: "Medical Apprenticeship in the American Colonies," Ciba Symposia, 1947, VIII, 506-9.

<sup>5.</sup> Norwood, op. cit., pp. 32ff.

Passages extracted in MILLER op. cit., 502.

<sup>7.</sup> F. R. PACKARD: "History of Medicine in the United States," (New York, 1931,) I. pp. 25-26.

causes were commonly performed in all the colonies. As the jury usually contained several laymen as well as the surgeon, the value of the procedure may be questioned and educational activities dismissed as negligible. In the early colonial period even in Europe anatomy was still largely extracurricular. In spite of the great advances by individuals like Glisson, Steno, Wirsung, Willis, Vieussens and Ruysch, the universities seldom made adequate provision for dissection. It was only in the 18th century that chairs of anatomy were created in British universities. Even if there had been an easy access to material for dissection in the colonies, the average preceptor would probably not have had sufficient interest, not to mention skill, to teach his apprentices much more than the skeleton.

### **Medical Preceptors**

The apprenticeship method, which began in the earliest days of settlement when the company surgeons were instructed to teach their art to youths of the colony so that medical care would continue after their period of service was over, survived until well into the 19th century. With an able well-educated preceptor it could be very effective, and even after institutionalized education began in the colonies it was still a required part of the student's training in order to gain practical experience. By the beginning of the 18th century when the growing prosperity of the colonies made migration more attractive and larger numbers of professional people crossed the ocean to seek their fortune, their ranks included well-educated physicians with university degrees who soon established themselves as leaders of their communities. Some of them became the medical preceptors of local youths and served to elevate the depressed standards of practice. A number of them were Scotsmen like Dr. Alexander Hamilton of Annapolis or Dr. Gustavus Brown Sr., who established himself in Southern Maryland in 1708 and created a medical dynasty which served that region as practitioners and preceptors for a century, or Dr. William Hunter of Newport, R. I., a refugee from the Battle of Culloden in 1745 when the Stuart supporters were decisively defeated. Probably the most influential immigrant preceptor was Dr. John Kearsley Sr., who came to Philadelphia from England in 1711 and trained the leaders of Philadelphia medicine of the next generation. Among his pupils were William Shippen Sr. and John Bard, both fathers of professors in the first two colonial medical schools in Philadelphia and New York, and John Redman who in turn had well-known physicians like John Morgan, Benjamin Rush and Caspar Wistar as house pupils. Rush's description in his Memorial of his student days with Redman are illuminating:

"In the month of February 1761, I began the study of medicine, and continued constantly in my master's family and shop 'till July 1766. During this period I was absent from his business but eleven days, and never spent more than three evenings out of his house. My master at this time was in the most extensive business of any physician in the city, and as he had at no time more than two apprentices, he kept them constantly employed. In addition to preparing and compounding medicines, visiting the sick and performing many little offices of a nurse to them, I took the exclusive charge of his books and accounts. It may not be amiss to mention here that before I began the study of medicine, I had an uncommon aversion to such sights as are connected with its practice. But a little time and habit soon wore away all that degree of sensibility which is painful, and enabled me to see and even assist with composure in performing the most severe operations in surgery. The confinement and restraint which were now imposed upon me gave me no alternative, but business and study, both of which became in a short time agreeable to me. I read in the intervals of business and at late and early hours all the books in medicine that were put into my hands by my master, or that I could borrow from other students of medicine in the city. I studied Dr. Boerhaave's lectures upon physiology and pathology with the closest attention, and abridged a considerable part of Van Swieten's commentaries upon his practical aphorisms. I kept a common place book in which I recorded everything that I thought curious or valuable in my reading and in my master's practice. To him I am indebted for the estimation in which I have always held the works of Dr. Sydenham. He put them into my hands soon after I went into his shop, and frequently alluded to his opinions and practice, particularly in the treatment of epidemics. However laborious and self-denied my situation was during my apprenticeship, I owe much to it. It produced in me habits of industry and business which have never left me. It rendered diseases in all their forms and symptoms familiar to me, and gave me a facility in knowing them which is to be acquired in no other way. During my residence in Dr. Redman's shop, he was one of the physicians of the Pennsylvania Hospital by which means I was admitted to see the practice of five other physicians besides his own in the hospital."8

After the beginning of the 18th century some students began their studies with a preceptor at home and then went abroad for additional training. The need which was increasingly felt for intensive first-hand experience with both the living

and dead body had added new dimensions to the curriculum. Formerly anatomy was learned chiefly from books and an occasional dissection might have been witnessed, but in the 18th century a conscientious medical student wanted to hear lectures and even carry out dissections himself under the aegis of an able teacher like Cheselden, the London surgeon, or the famous Hunter brothers. Such teaching was entirely private in nature and did not confer any degree. One of the first colonials to complete his education in this way was Thomas Bulfinch of Boston who was a house pupil of Dr. Zabdiel Boylston of smallpox inoculation fame before going to London to study anatomy and surgery with Cheselden, whose American students in the 1720's included also Sylvester Gardiner of Rhode Island and Thomas Cadwalader of Philadelphia. Others like Thomas Bond, the founder of the Pennsylvania Hospital who had been apprenticed to Dr. Alexander Hamilton, "walked the wards" of the Hôtel-Dieu in Paris, famous for its surgeons. After returning home they frequently gave private lessons of their own to medical students or local practitioners. The 22-year-old Thomas Cadwalader gave anatomical demonstrations for the benefit of older colleagues when he returned to Philadelphia around 1730, and after the middle of the century there was an increasing number of such courses offered in the larger towns. They were frequently advertised in the newspapers and were open to the general public. While a public course of lectures on anatomy would probably attract only the morbidly curious today, in the Age of Enlight-

<sup>8. &</sup>quot;A Memorial Containing Travels through Life or Sundry Incidents in the Life of Dr. Benjamin Rush" (1905).

enment there was an avid interest in all subjects of science. Curiosity about the human frame was one aspect of the current fashion which drew the intelligentsia to public lectures on the new electrical wonders, the mysterious effect of chemical combinations and other marvels of nature which were being revealed daily.

### The Hospital's Role

Just in this period also the hospital began to assume its important role in medical education. In the 17th century the versatile genius Sir William Petty, one of the founders of the Royal Society, expressed his opinion that one of the main reasons for the lack of progress in the science of medicine was the absence of hospitals where physicians could study a large number of clinical cases: "A man shall learn in a well regulated hospitall, where he may within halfe a hower's time observe his choice of 1000 patients, more in one yeare then in ten without it, even by reading the best Books that can be written. For as one may learn to know and distinguish a face better by one minut's Inspection then by reading ten sheets of paper in the description of it, So wee may learn more of sick people by the Joynt assistance of all our sences together then by the lame descriptions of words alone." Such a view became increasingly common, and when the growing philanthropy of the 18th century stimulated the creation of public infirmaries and hospitals, promoters frequently pointed out the benefits which would derive from the opportunity they would afford "for advancing and confirming the several Branches of the useful Art of Medicine" through the larger scope for observation."

When young Americans visited London or Paris it became customary for them to walk the wards of hospitals like Guy's or St. Thomas's or l'Hôtel-Dieu in order to view diseases with which they were unfamiliar and to learn new methods of treatment. When the first permanent hospital of the colonies, the Pennsylvania Hospital, was created at Philadelphia in 1751, it was taken for granted that it would participate in medical education. As Rush mentioned in his description of his apprenticeship, the attending physicians brought their office pupils to observe cases as well as dress wounds and similar duties. In time permission was granted to other students to observe hospital practice upon payment of a fee, and eventually a hospital apprenticeship lasting five years was developed.

### Edinburgh Medical School

Early in the 18th century continental universities like Leyden and Rheins attracted the few colonials who sought the M.D. degree, rather than Oxford or Cambridge which still clung to a lengthy classical curriculum. Under the great clinician Boerhaave and the anatomist Albinus. Leyden had assumed the leadership in university medical education through its progressive course of study embodying the most recent scientific developments. But by midcentury by far the most popular university among Americans was Edinburgh, the spiritual offspring of Ley-

<sup>9. &</sup>quot;The Petty Papers," edited by the Marquis of Lansdowne (London, 1927), II, pp. 175-76.

ISAAC MADDOX: "A Sermon Preach'd before the Trustees of the Publick Infirmary in James-Street, Westminster May 10, 1739" (London, 1739), p. 17.

den, where a new and more practical type of medical education had evolved which was adapted to the needs of contemporary thought and practice. The advice which Dr. Samuel Johnson gave to Arthur Lee of Virginia who subsequently matriculated at Edinburgh points out the shift which was occurring:

"Therefore if you have a large fortune and time enough to spare, go to either of these [Oxford or Cambridge which required a 7 year M.A. degree as pre-medical requirement]. If you would choose immediately to enter upon Physic and to attain sufficient knowledge therein to carry you through life, at a small expense and in a short time, by all means go to Edinburgh or Leyden; for the Scotch or foreign education is like a house built to last a man's lifetime only; the English is like a Palace or Fortress intended to last for many ages. The first build lightly, the last lay a very strong and firm foundation before they begin the work."11

The creation of a Faculty of Medicine at the University of Edinburgh in 1726 provided the opportunity to initiate a new pattern of medical education expressing the philosophical and scientific ideals of the age. Unencumbered by the trappings of mediaeval tradition, for it had not been founded until 1583, Edinburgh promulgated the results of the scientific revolution not only in its curriculum but also in its teaching methods. The new emphasis on the acquisition of useful knowledge for "the relief of man's estate" as formulated philosophically by Sir Francis Bacon and as incorporated spiritually in a group like the Royal Society of London had been ignored at first by the older universities, still clinging to their scholastic disputations and suspicious of novelty. Leyden was one of the few exceptions, where the powerful Boerhaave, a fervid disciple of the new scientific movement, performed the dual task of creating a new medical synthesis embodying the most advanced physico-chemical knowledge and of stressing the new methods of acquiring knowledge such as more acute observation, experimentation and the application of mathematics whenever possible. His institution of clinical teaching as a regular part of the curriculum had had its prototype at Padua, but Boerhaave made it an essential part of university medical training. At Edinburgh the influence of his teaching pervaded the school through teachers who had studied under him, and his books were adopted as texts. In contact with brilliant scientists like Joseph Black the chemist who discovered the phenomenon of latent heat, Robert Whytt who did pioneering experimental work on the nervous system, the Monro anatomical dynasty, or the great teacher William Cullen, students were given systematic courses on anatomy, chemistry, theory and practice of medicine, materia medica and botany, with ample opportunities for anatomical dissection and clinical observation. The course was streamlined to make it economically feasible and yet allow sufficient instruction. Regulations adopted in 1783 fixed the minimum course requirement at three years, at least one of which must have been spent at Edinburgh. Students flocked there from continental Europe as well as the British Isles and their overseas dependencies. The first American to receive a degree was

<sup>11. &</sup>quot;Early Letters of Arthur Lee," Southern Literary Messenger, 1859, XXIX, 62-63, quoted in Whitfield J. Bell Jr., "Medical Students and Their Examiners in Eighteenth Century America," Transactions & Studies of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 4 Ser., 1953, XXI, 14.

John Moultrie of South Carolina in 1749; by 1800 114 had crossed the sea to earn their M.D. in the "Athens of the North." 12

### John Morgan

In the spring of 1760 young John Morgan of Philadelphia sailed to Britain to complete his medical education. The son of a wealthy merchant who was a friend of Benjamin Franklin then living in London as agent for Pennsylvania, Morgan had had the best education available in the colony. At the age of 15, after completing his classical studies, he became a medical apprentice to Dr. John Redman for six years, the last 13 months of which he served as resident apothecary to the Pennsylvania Hospital. Simultaneously he enrolled with advanced standing in the newly created College of Philadelphia and was a member of the first class to receive the A.B. degree in

The college, the first school of higher learning in Pennsylvania, had been Franklin's creation. In contrast with the older colleges of the other colonies which had been founded principally to teach theologians, it was more concerned with the cultivation of "useful learning." Its curriculum was similar in many ways to that being developed contemporaneously by the Dissenters' schools which had arisen in England to train the youth of nonconformists barred from Anglican universities. For the first time the English language was given as important a place in the curriculum as Latin and Greek, and subjects like mathematics and geography which would be of practical help to one's business or trade were included. Also new courses in scientific subjects like

physics or astronomy were offered. Such a school incorporated the most advanced ideas on education of the day.

After obtaining his A.B. degree and completing his medical apprenticeship, Morgan served briefly as an army surgeon during the French and Indian War and then decided to complete his studies abroad. Going first to London where he was widely introduced into intellectual circles by Franklin, he visited hospitals and attended William Hunter's anatomical lectures. He was befriended by Dr. John Fothergill, a prominent Quaker physician who took a great interest in the young colonials visiting London. The following year, in 1761, Morgan went north to Edinburgh and enrolled as a candidate for the M.D. degree which he achieved in 1763.

A fellow Philadelphian and friend who was just completing his Edinburgh studies when he arrived was William Shippen Jr., a graduate of the College of New Jersey (Princeton) who had studied medicine with his father before going abroad. When he returned home in 1762 he brought with him a number of gypsum casts and crayon anatomical drawings sent by Dr. Fothergill as a gift for the Pennsylvania Hospital. The accompanying letter from Fothergill stated:

"I need not tell thee that the knowledge of Anatomy is of exceeding great use to practitioners in Physic and Surgery, and that the means of procuring subjects with you are not easy; some pretty accurate anatomical drawings, about half as big as the life, have fallen into my hands, which I propose to send to your Hospital to be under the care of the Physicians, and to be by some of them explained to the students and pupils who may attend the Hospital. In the want of real subjects

<sup>12.</sup> Bell, op. cit., p. 15.

these will have their use, and I have recommended it to Dr. Shippen to give a Course of Anatomical Lectures to such as may attend. He is very well qualified for the subject, and will soon be followed by an able assistant. Dr Morgan, both of whom, I apprehend, will not only be useful to the Province in their employments, but if suitably countenanced by the Legislature, will be able to erect a School of Physic amongst you, that may draw students from various parts of America and the West Indies, and at least furnish them with a better idea of the rudiments of their Profession, than they have at present the means of acquiring on your side of the water."13

Thus the idea for creating a medical school in Philadelphia was born and was common knowledge among the Americans at Edinburgh. Young Samuel Bard of New York wrote to his father in December 1762 that he wished Shippen and Morgan were at New York, so that he could assist in founding it.<sup>14</sup>

While Shippen was initiating his courses in anatomy and midwifery at Philadelphia, Morgan completed his Edinburgh studies and went to Paris to hear M. Sue's anatomy lectures. Concluding his European sojourn with the "Grand Tour" of continental cultural centers he paid his respects to celebrities like Voltaire and Morgagni and took a course in classical archaeology at Rome. All the while he brooded over plans for the medical college. While in Paris in 1764 he composed a lengthy manuscript precisely formulating curricular details for presentation to possible sponsors like the Hon. Thomas Penn, proprietor of Pennsylvania, whom he approached early in 1765. One of his proposals was that the school should be part of the College of Philadelphia (now the University of Pennsylvania). Penn heartily endorsed the project and on February 15, 1765 wrote to the Trustees of the College to that effect, recommending that Morgan be appointed professor.15 At a special meeting of the Trustees on May 3, 1765 shortly after Morgan returned to Philadelphia armed with other eminent recommendations, he was unanimously appointed professor of the theory and practice of medicine and asked to deliver an address at the next college commencement. May 30, the day appointed, was very hot, and Morgan's "Discourse upon the Institution of Medical Schools in America" was fifth on a program composed of such topics as "Whether the Planets be Inhabited?" or a syllogistic dispute "Utrum, sublato statu futuro, maneat satis firma ad virtutem obligatio?" Consequently the perspiring audience was dismissed in the midst of his speech and readjourned the following morning to hear him finish "the Remainder of his learned and elaborate Oration."

But what had happened to the part Shippen was to have played in the undertaking? It seems undeniable that Morgan, who was a very ambitious young man, had found it expedient to forget his old friend and to try to take full credit for the project. He doubtless felt guilty when he admitted in his Discourse that Shippen had told him that he had hinted at "a plan for giving medical lectures" in his introduction to his first anatomical lectures, but then he added: "I do not learn that he rec-

<sup>13.</sup> JOSEPH CARSON: "A History of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania from its Foundation in 1765" (Philadelphia, 1869), p. 42.

<sup>14.</sup> Letter cited in J. B. Langstaff, Doctor Bard of Hyde Park, (New York, 1942), p. 67.

<sup>15.</sup> Carson, op. cit., pp. 50-51.

ommended at all a collegiate undertaking of this kind. What led me to it was the obvious utility that would attend it, and the desire I had of presenting, as a tribute of gratitude to my alma mater, a full and enlarged plan for the institution of medicine, in all its branches, in this seminary where I had part of my education, being amongst the first sons who shared in its public honors."16 It must have required considerable self-control for Shippen to pen a polite letter to the trustees of the college the following September asking for the chair of anatomy and surgery. He was elected unanimously.

### College of Philadelphia Medical School

Late in September 1765 the Pennsylvania Gazette announced the new medical courses under the sponsorship of the college which were to begin in the middle of November. Dr. Shippen's course on anatomy, surgery and midwifery, for which the fee was six pistoles (approximately \$24) was to include 60 lectures; Dr. Morgan was to lecture on materia medica, which included botany and chemistry, three days a week at the college for three or four months for a fee of four pistoles. An additional dollar was collected from matriculants for the purchase of books for a medical library at the college. At the same time Dr. Thomas Bond was to give clinical lectures at the Pennsylvania Hospital.17

In the second year Morgan repeated his course on materia medica and instituted a new one of the theory and practice of physic for secondyear medical students. The faculty was completed with two other local Edinburgh graduates: Dr. Adam Kuhn was appointed professor of materia medica and botany in 1768, and Dr. Benjamin Rush arrived home in 1769 to fill the chair of chemistry. After two years of successful operation the trustees of the college decided unanimously to confer degrees in medicine, since such a move would "tend to put the Practice of Physic on a more respectable footing in America." The first class of 10 students received the first medical degrees conferred in an American college on June 21, 1768.

Thus Morgan's plan was realized in its entirety. With Edinburgh as his model, a medical curriculum was established which combined the basic medical sciences with clinical teaching in an academic setting where men were united for the "cultivation of useful learning [which] can only be effectually promoted under those who are patrons of science, and under the authority and direction of men incorporated for the improvement of literature."18 Situated in Philadelphia which afforded adequate clinical facilities in the Pennsylvania Hospital and an able group of local practitioners, the school set a pattern which was soon imitated in New York when Dr. Samuel Bard in 1768 assembled a medical faculty under the auspices of King's College. Very high standards both for admission and graduation were adopted. At Philadelphia candidates with a college degree preferably were admitted; if this was lacking they had to demonstrate their knowledge of Latin, mathematics, natural and experimental philosophy before being accepted. Besides the required courses in anatomy, materia medica, chemistry, the theory and practice of

JOHN MORGAN, "A Discourse upon the Institution of Medical Schools in America" (Philadelphia, 1765) pp. 34-35.

<sup>17.</sup> Carson, op. cit., pp. 57-212

<sup>18.</sup> MORGAN, op. cit., p. 35.

physic, students had to take a course of clinical lectures and to attend the Pennsylvania Hospital for one year. Two medical degrees were offered: the bachelor's which required experience as an apprentice and a general knowledge of pharmacy in addition to course work, and the doctor's, obtainable no fewer than three years after the B.M. For this the candidate had to be at least 24 years old and to defend a thesis publicly.19 It was soon seen that few bothered to qualify for the M.D., and eventually the higher degree was awarded for work which had originally been designated for the B.M. and the latter abolished.

The Revolutionary War closed both medical colleges temporarily, and it is regrettable that the fine example set by these schools and by Harvard, where a medical faculty was created in 1783, was not rigorously followed in the subsequent development of medical education in the new nation. Instead the absence of both professional and governmental enforcement of adequate standards, the growing need for more physicians for the expanding population, and the predominating commercial spirit created an environment favorable to the growth of independent proprietary schools which were the most characteristic American medical institution of the 19th century.

<sup>19.</sup> CARSON, op. cit., p. 60.

# A Method of

# **Teaching Surgical Pathology**

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS PAPER is to describe a method of presentation of surgical pathology to medical students in the junior year in such manner as to correlate clinical and pathologic changes of disease processes. This course has been conducted as a joint effort of the departments of surgery and pathology for the past four years. The course is entitled "surgical pathology," but its realm of coverage at times includes anatomy, physiology, differential diagnosis, laboratory studies, research, etc. We feel that its simplicity and the application of both pathology and clinical considerations to specific patients give a breadth of appeal which make it a very useful means of education. It provides a bridge wherein the newcomer to clinical surgery becomes aware of his great dependence on pathology which he presumably studied during his preceding sophomore year. The method of presenting this course may not be original, but we feel it deserves description and emphasis.

### Method

It is conducted once a week in a room which can be darkened and which will hold the entire junior class and many visitors. These are usually residents and staff members both from the departments of surgery and pathology. The case or cases to be discussed are picked approximately 48 hours before the class by the surgical representative. The cases are selected from those patients on whom operations have been performed during the previous week. In each instance the junior medical student who was originally assigned the patient for workup on the ward is notified that he is to present the case to the class. The diseases to be discussed are posted on the bulletin board so the entire junior class can study the subject before class and be better prepared to ask questions.

The surgical resident in pathology is instructed to present the pathologic aspects of the case. Colored lantern slides of gross findings in similar cases or diseases from the departmental teaching files are selected by him. The instructor from the department of pathology is acquainted with the subject for discussion and reviews the material to be presented with the resident in pathology prior to the conference. At the conference itself the student presents the history, physical signs, and laboratory findings and the course of the patient. The length of time allotted for presentation is restricted to not over four minutes. The room is darkened and using the projecting microscope," the pathology resident presents the mic-

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roscopic findings and colored lantern slides of similar cases. At the same time he describes the gross findings, pointing out any pertinent notes.

The instructor from pathology then discusses the subject from the standpoint of both pathologic anatomy and pathologic physiology. He frequently suggests reading references or other sources of information. Following this, the surgeon discusses the clinical findings, method of therapy, prognosis, etc. He then calls for any questions from the students which are answered either by himself or the pathologist and asks for comments from any members of the two departments who are present. The statements of these persons may differ from those of the instructors and lively discussions may ensue. At times, other interested parties such as the bacteriologist, laboratory technician, etc. are asked to participate.

During the course of the year, approximately three written examinations are given, which may cover any phase of the disease processes presented in the class. A microscopic slide examination is also conducted at the end of the year.

### Subjects

During the past year, the following subjects were covered: Acute appendicitis Acute cholecystitis

Chronic cholecystitis and cholelithiasis Gas gangrene

Tuberculosis of the lung Tuberculoma of the lung

Diverticulitis

Bronchiectasis

Cystic disease of the lung

Ulcerative colitis Duodenal ulcer Gastric ulcer Nodular goiter Grave's disease Thyroiditis Thyroglossal duct cyst Hirschsprung's disease Hemorrhoids Hypersplenism Portal hypertension Coarctation of aorta Mixed tumor of the salivary gland Pheochromocytoma Giant cell tumor Marjolin's ulcer Cystic disease of the breast Fibrosarcoma Carcinoma of the colon and rectum Carcinoma of the breast Carcinoma of the thyroid Carcinoma of the lip Carcinoma of the esophagus Carcinoma of the lung Carcinoma of the stomach Nevi and malignant melanoma Malignant lymphoma

The class is informal but informative and involves the participation of the student. Its purpose is to round out the student's approach to a subject so that he has an understanding of how the gross and microscopic picture of a disease correlates with the symptoms, signs and course of the disease. It also gives him insight into problems in the management of the disease. The responsibility rests on the two instructors, the one from surgery and the other from pathology, to see that the subject matter is presented in an organized fashion and that it is presented vividly and covers the subject thoroughly. It proves a valuable teaching exercise for the student presenting the case history and also for the resident in pathology who learns to describe what he sees. This class, of course, does not constitute a substitute for a clinic nor for fundamental grounding in pathology in the sophomore year.

<sup>\*</sup>Scopicon. Mfg. by Scopicon, Inc., Chauncey, N. Y.

# The Rise and Fall of the Correlated Clinical Courses at Iowa

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ESEARCH IN BASIC medical sciences has its well established code and rituals. Clinical investigation is now well out of its long and troubled adolescence. Still, we have had no notable example of the experimental method applied to the evaluation of teaching the undergraduate medical student. Perhaps this is because the subject is one of almost hopeless complexity and profound, indeed at times overwhelming, difficulty. A major reason for this state of affairs is the lack of general agreement about what a good doctor should be. Each specialist has his obvious bias of judgment and interpretation; and the general physician has his own private bias. These are sliced in opposite directions in the comparison between group practice and solo practice: between academic medicine and the practice of medicine: and between basic science and the clinical fields of medicine. As the subdivisions continue, each individual conceives himself an expert in understanding the methods of making of physicians, supposing himself to know more than those who have devoted their life to the subject1. This is the great hazard of specialization, that specialists have the false notion that their skills are valid and their ideas sound in other fields. No one has evaluated the problem of medical teaching methods in an independent, objective, scientific study.

### Other Difficulties

As if these troubles were not enough, we have grave difficulties which complicate the problem. First, the unmeasurable variables in individual capacity haunt anyone who would like to divide classes into a test group and a control group. Next. in the nature of the mixed matrix of medical training and education, substantial but unmeasured teaching goes on amongst classmates, and students of different classes. Usually but not always this is from senior to junior to sophomore to freshman. Then there are the varied talents and training of a numerous corps of teachers whose individual skills range widely and in whom there is an appreciable variability in day-by-day performance. Self-evaluation, catechism by committees, a review of teaching capacities within departments and within medical schools have to be judged against criteria which are inexact and uncertain2.

One neglected aspect of all radical changes in curriculum and of experiments in didactic medicine has been the fact that to have an innovation requires innovators. Innovators in general are young, mentally always and usually in years. They have not only strong personalities but the courage of their convictions. They are leaders. The neglected and probably unmeasurable variable here is that such people are stimulating persons and stimulating teachers. What cannot be controlled is how stimulating

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ing they might have been under slightly or radically different curricular arrangements. Might they not have done just as well under older rubrics? While individual innovators disclaim any strong personal role in changes they believe occur with alterations in curriculum, the fact remains that such alterations are part of the complex of the particular program only as it is put into practice by those who provide the stimulus and indeed, do the footwork. It is much more important for a faculty to be willing to try innovations than that the innovations follow a particular pattern. Change itself is a measure of youthful spirit though its objective is for the future. Each generation of teachers in fact aims to solve problems which were a major source of difficulty for the previous generation. They may no longer exist, or they may have a different emphasis and urgency. We need to look forward to plan our teaching program for the practice of the future. The emphasis on feedback mechanisms is still back.

### **Experiment Begins**

An experiment in the coordination of clinical teaching was undertaken at the State University of Iowa in the fall of 1940. It was reported in detail by Greene3 in the May 1945 issue of MEDICAL EDUCATION. This program was launched for several reasons. There was discontent with the previous system and the thought that the curriculum was too fixed, encased as it was in rigid departmentalization. Much overlapping occurred in course content without general knowledge of its extent. A committee studied the situation and proposed that "the clinical subjects be coordinated and presented in sequence by the various departments." This was to follow the didactic work in the basic sciences. The program encompassed the last trimester of the second year and the whole of the third year. The whole didactic course in internal medicine, surgery, gynecology were included, and varying portions of the courses in the other clinical specialties. This program was aimed to reduce duplication, conserve teaching time, gain simultaneity of presentation of subject material by members of the clinical specialties, illuminate and discuss real differences of opinion, quash rumor of others and emphasize subject matter rather than department. To a large extent these aims were achieved. But shortly after the end of World War II the program was abandoned, as was an abortive attempt to provide an intensive two-week period of preview-review correlation at the transition between preclinical and clinical studies.

### **Program Superseded**

Why was this program, with honorable intentions and admirable objectives superseded? These are my impressions of the reasons. I arrived on the scene only in time to witness its death and help arrange decent burial. The reasons are set forth without an effort to judge their relative importance.

- 1. There was a radical change in plan for consultation practice<sup>2, 3</sup>. The monopoly of the department head in private practice, and of the rest of the department staff in teaching and research, was broken. The junior members of all clinical departments became partners in fact and had more say in planning the curriculum. They wanted to try their way, too.
- 2. A substantial number of new department heads came on the scene.

They too wished to try their own ideas.

3. There was increasing emphasis on clinical clerkships with a parallel reduction in time spent in whole class didactic exercises. The increase in size of the staff in the major clinical departments allowed more time in small group exercises. The patient became the subject and object of the concentration of effort in clinical teaching. There was a large reduction in actual didactic hours. For instance, in medicine the hours of lecturing were reduced to one fifth of their former number.

4. It was recognized that whereas correlation in time of presentation had been attained there was often little correlation in thought. The necessary preliminary staff work was hard to achieve, more because of the great press of work than from ideological differences. It has been possible to retain temporal concentration on various topics within the pattern of separate departmental programs.

5. The key role of general medicine and general surgery became the central theme of clinical teaching and the emphasis on the clerkships provided daily work in which the student had to do his own correlating rather than have predigested, homogenized spoon feeding do it for him. Thus, we discarded the notion that great committees of correlators, integrators, interdigitators and prestidigitators should prepare an easily assimilated pabulum and transfer it to the student in the manner of parent

6. Possibly the most useful result of the correlated course was to break down the sometimes tightly drawn boundaries between departments which held the threat of feuds and marauding among sensitive and insecure Balkanized principalities. The

individual members of the faculty got to know one another better. The program was educational in this larger sense. The subject matter of other departments and their reasons for holding certain opinions were learned. Rumor and complaint gave way to discussion. Whatever the exact reason, the morale of the clinical staff went up steadily. A great deal of exchange among departments in planning courses now goes on all the time but informally rather than by formula.

7. The clinical pathologic conference and the joint clinical conferences gave ample opportunity for interdepartmental differences to be aired. Specific problems provided the text for free, and frequently vivid, discussions and differences. Students, interns and residents are encouraged to participate in the discussions. They have retained an active role in these exercises which constitute the high point of clinical teaching.

8. There is a large amount of joint teaching of undergraduate-house staff-and clinical staff in the chest clinic, hematology conference, thyroid clinic, the electrocardiographic conference, blood coagulation seminar and similar special activities which have no departmental status whatever. In fact the task force approach has now progressed so far that the groups with special interest must avoid setting up a new series of academic princedoms which would merely supplant the departments as entities.

It should be pointed out that the Iowa experiment was not an experiment in correlated teaching but an effort to schedule work as a means for increasing the correlation of the teaching. Interdepartmental conferences and teaching exercises such as the clinical-pathological conference had been going on for a long time.

Combined teaching had increased slowly. In effect, the program was not so much aimed at the coordination of clinical teaching as the teaching of diseases considered to be important in medical practice or illustrating basic mechanisms of disease. These require formal and relatively complete treatment in any curriculum. It is true that in the minds of many of the faculty, virtually every known disease might fit into this category. One of the practical difficulties encountered was the fact that pathology, which many have considered to be a preclinical subject, had to be spread throughout the last third of the second year and all of the third year in the schedule worked out by the committee. This meant, in effect, that many junior clerks on various services had their clerkship before they had the portion of pathology dealing with diseases that they were encountering clinically. This introduced practical difficulties since clinical teaching had to be varied considerably from one group to another.

### Summary

The formal program of a correlated course for clinical teaching in the college of medicine at Iowa was abandoned. This was done because some of its objectives had been gained and others did not turn out to be sound. Rather than a rigid frame-

work which forced clinical teaching into a fixed and predetermined ritual, teaching is now collaborative with many conjoint enterprises. The theme of cooperation rather than the ideology of collectivism prevails. Each year we make changes, hoping that they will bring improvement. The growing conviction is that good teachers provide the warp and good students the woof of the fabric of a school in striving to reach the goal of educating fine physicians. The spirit rather than the plan is the crux. The pattern may vary sharply with time and place, but excellent cloth is still woven from good thread by a very simple method. Not all the power looms and curricular machinery can make silk purses from sow ears; nor has an experiment or test been devised which can clearly separate them at all stages of weaving. For such tests we must continue to search through the dark and unmapped wilderness of the future.

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# **Fundamental Elements**

# of Medical Education

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N THE MIDDLE 1930's, while I was still a member of the faculty of the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, I recall reading a statement by James M. Landis, then chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In a commencement address at Princeton, Landis said, "There is no teacher worthy of his salt but who has been dismayed both by his own inability to portray a subject adequately and also by the unwillingness of a class to put forth the intellectual effort required to receive it." The challenge of the Landis statement hit me with unusual force since for years I had been groping for techniques which not only would enable a teacher to dish up his facts in palatable form but also in a way to arouse the student to accept his share of the job. For many years I have pondered the problems. With humility, for I do not yet know the answers. I have elected to speak about my cogitations.

# Goals of Teaching?

What are the goals of teaching? There are many essential components, among them: (1) the implanting of facts in the student's mind and (2) guiding the mind of the student to use the facts constructively in sound processes of thinking.

Factual knowledge is gained in many different ways and the student must be induced to utilize all of the sources. Books, journals, pictures, didactic classes, conversation with teachers and talk with other students, each has a part to play. The student may be discouraged about intensive library research because the hours in the wards, the laboratory and the classroom are long and because the number of books in the library seem to be counted in millions. For some years during a period when I was assigned as an orientation proctor to a small group of freshmen medical students, I made it a practice to take each annual group through the library. We first wandered through the stack rooms viewing the countless tomes and then turned to the indices by means of which information in the volumes on the shelves becomes accessible. To illustrate the method we selected one topic, "scarlet fever," and looked it up in the first appropriate volume of the Surgeon General's Index. This volume was published in 1891 and we found in it 40 pages of closely printed references to "scarlatina." The next appropriate volume, 1910, contained 28 pages of references and the 1931 volume added another 14 pages. We

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moved on to the Quarterly Index with new volumes and new references appearing year by year. And finally we went to the current periodical room where more than 300 different medical journals received in the last few weeks or months were on display. Having explained the manner of alphabetical arrangement of the periodicals, I would then turn to a student and say, "John, you have seen how carefully medical information is catalogued. What plan do you have for catching up with what has been done in the past and how do you propose to maintain familiarity with current thinking and new discoveries?"

The freshman student always responded with a look of complete frustration which rapidly spread to the group after several others had been accosted with the same question. Then, the time had come to point out the obvious, namely, that no single human mind could encompass the whole, a circumstance with an important corollary. If each man develops reasonable habits of perusing current literature and if from time to time he delves more deeply into the writings of the past in connection with some topic that has aroused his curiosity, then each will have in his possession a fund of information that is wholly individualistic and distinct from the body of lore belonging to any other man. A student who has practiced such a habit will always be able to contribute constructively to the knowledge of a group when several or more physicians and students are discussing the problems of patients. We shall see, as the essay unfolds, how vitally important it is that he be able so to contribute.

We have said that factual knowledge is acquired in many different ways. Among the most important is to learn to grasp facts from observation. Herein lies a primary reason for teaching at the bedside with small groups of students who are learning by experience how to see, hear, feel the normal and departures from it. Cultivation of curiosity gives incentive to the art of observing. Well do I remember a fourth-year bedside class with Dr. Edwards A. Park. "Look," said Dr. Park, "the baby's gums are white. Why," and he looked at me, "are the gums white?" I confessed I had never noticed that the toothless gums of infancy are often pale in contrast with surrounding mucous membranes. I hazarded a guess that perhaps teeth preparing to erupt had obstructed the circulation. This concept was discussed at length and discarded as being inadequate to explain the distribution of the pallor. I learned much from the discussion about the order of eruption of deciduous teeth but my curiosity was climbing. Then, Dr. Park confessed he did not know himself what made the gums white but that someone ought to find out and let the rest of us know. One of our great teachers had driven home a point. Be constantly curious about things you see! No detail is too small to merit questioning observation! In this way only will eyes, ears and fingers continue to add facts to the storehouse of knowledge.

The importance of factual know-ledge can scarcely be overstressed. No amount of reason can reach a sound conclusion when factual knowledge fails. I remember vividly the plight of a greatly perplexed intern at Monday morning rounds after he had admitted and studied over the weekend a boy with Friedreich's ataxia without making a diagnosis. At the rounds the nature of the illness was recognized at once by a number of his teachers. On the way to lunch after the rounds were over the intern vocalized his perplexity. "What do

you do," he said, "when you have taken the most careful history you know how to take; what do you do when your physical examination has been as detailed as you know how to make it; what do you do when neither history nor examination gives any clue toward making a diagnosis? I know I should go to the library but how does one proceed to look the subject up when he does not have the foggiest notion of what subject to look up?" A sympathetic feeling bit me to the core. Indeed, does the doctor exist who has not experienced this intern's plight? With careful words I answered, "Some fact from the anamnesis, some fact from observing the patient, must tinkle a bell in the cortex of experience. Pitch and position of the bell are relatively unimportant. The essential thing is that some bell tinkles. And, the more bells that ring, the more clues for library research."

The conclusion is clear. In teaching medical students facts must be imparted. The greater the number of facts, the better prepared is the student for the problems of future practice.

# Danger Emerges

So clear is the conclusion that a real danger emerges. The teacher in his enthusiasm to present the latest knowledge, in his meticulous care to cover each minute detail, may find that time is short and invariably he talks too much. "Spoon feeding," the students call it and the better students know that the method is not good. Facts are to the physician what tools are to the craftsman. They are essential but serve their purpose only when the student learns to use them in sound habits of drawing conclusions. Better fewer facts and more practice in the use of facts! How to mold the mind is a supreme challenge to better teaching. After more than 30 years of pedagogic contact with students in four medical schools, I still feel inadequate to meet this challenge as some day it should be met.

# System

When we teach system in taking histories and doing physical examinations we are moving in the right direction. "System," Osler wrote, "is the harness without which only the horses of genius may travel." Yet most of us do not bring enough systems into guiding processes of thought as the student weighs the facts at hand and gropes toward a diagnosis. As one of the oral examiners of the American Board of Pediatrics, I have been distressed over a number of years at the relatively small number of candidates who seem able to systematize their discussion of problems in a way that makes it impossible to forget for the moment significant aspects of a topic.

An example will make more clear the point I have in mind. A student has been asked to discuss before a group the case of a young child with a history of cyanosis dating from early infancy. As the child passed the age of infancy the cyanosis came to be associated with the collateral findings of classical morbus caeruleus. When historical, physical and laboratory findings have been detailed, the student may properly be asked for a diagnostic impression. At this important moment comes an opportunity to observe and also to guide orderly processes of thought. The usual student of my acquaintance will, if unguided, mention as a first possible diagnosis what was the ultimately correct diagnosis in the last similar case he remembers. This method is bad because the experience of a student still in medical school is necessarily very small. Another student will have engaged in preparatory reading of a textbook or even in reviewing recent literature, His impression will be based on frequency of occurrence. His first diagnostic impression will be "tetralogy of Fallot" and perhaps as a second guess "transposition of the great vessels." This method is better than the first but still not good for it means that the patient with unusual disease will escape correct diagnosis.

Only the rare student without guidance will systematically order his mind to follow the course of the circulation through heart and lungs. Such a student will start his thinking at the moment blood enters the right auricle. His first diagnostic thought will therefore not be concerned with the most frequent cause of morbus caeruleus but with the possibility of a vascular anomaly in which a vein returning from the lungs enters the right rather than the left auricle. This lesion alone is not a cause of cyanosis but it does occur in recognized syndromes which are so associated. Questions enter the mind concerning the possibility of atrial septal defect. The student then considers the tricuspid valve. Atresia of the valve, obligatorily associated with hypoplasia of the right ventricle and accompanying compensatory anomalies, could be the cause of the cyanosis. If the foregoing can be eliminated, the student will then go on to consider the right ventricle. Does this chamber discharge its blood solely into the pulmonary artery or is there an overriding aorta which receives part of the flow? Is there an abnormal communication between the ventricles? Is there an obstruction to the flow into the pulmonary artery? Beyond the pulmonary artery lies the vascular bed of the lungs; this student will ask himself whether or not a congenital arterio-venous fistula could be the cause of the symptoms. In a similar way the careful orderly mind will pass through the left auricle and ventricle, into the aorta and past a possibly patent ductus or coarctation until the path of the circulation and the causes of cyanosis have been mentally reviewed as they may or may not apply to the case under consideration. A student with a mind trained to function in an orderly manner may miss a diagnosis because of lack of knowledge of the existence of certain anomalies but he will not have failed in his thinking, because of momentary forgetfulness, to have considered the possibility that numerous combinations of anomalies with which he is acquainted might be the cause of the patient's symptoms.

In Paul Wood's book, "Diseases of the Heart and Circulation," I was delighted to discover a few pertinent lines under the heading, "Determining the Presence or Absence of Congestive Heart Failure." I quote: "The venous pressure may be assessed by inspecting the cervical veins. The examiner should not feel guilty if he then switches from inspection of the neck to palpation of the liver to discover whether or not that organ is engorged; nor should he feel embarrassed if he desires to turn from the right hypochondrium to the feet and sacral region in search of oedema; if he be criticized for gymnastics, he may reply that he is more concerned with the logical sequence of his thoughts."

Herein indeed is a challenge to better teaching. I feel certain that teachers can learn to encourage orderly processes of thought, that such orderly thinking will enhance immeasurably the value of factual knowledge possessed by the student.

# Case Presentations

I have experimented with another technique of avoiding "spoon feeding." Perhaps some of you who teach pediatrics may wish to try it. The situation deals with case presentations before small groups of students where the traditional technique is to have one student, assigned to the case, present the history, physical findings, results of laboratory procedures, etc. and finally his diagnostic impressions. In the experimental technique the traditional approach is abandoned completely. The student familiar with the details of the case acts the role of the patient's mother. His classmates ply him with questions until a history has been exfracted. The teacher merely attempts to guide the direction of questioning when it tends to run off on a tangent. Now and again a student will. quite fortuitously, ask a particularly searching question. If the teacher's index of suspicion is raised, he may interrupt and say, "Jones has asked a sixty-four dollar question. We'll permit the mother to answer it if Jones can tell us why his query is particularly pertinent." When the student does not know why he formulated the question or if the reason he gives is relatively unimportant, then the teacher may turn to the group and ask, "Does anyone know why Jones' question is an especially good one?" A hand is often raised and another student, Smith, gives the proper reason. I have often ascertained that Smith himself would not have asked the original question even though when told the question was excellent he knew the reason why. Sometimes the situation can be amusing. I recall vividly the startled expression on the face of a young man who was acting the role of mother of a one-year-old infant when a woman classmate abruptly queried, "How long did you nurse him, mother?"

After the history has been obtained the student changes his role and acts the part of the patient's family physician who is familiar with the findings on physical examination and in the laboratory and who consults the class group for help in making a diagnosis. Again in rotation the students ply the actor-family-doctor with questions. Finally, the acting stops and the group together consider the possible diagnoses.

There is not time to go into greater detail. The technique is proffered as one which makes it possible to guide the paths of thought of perhaps a dozen students in a group. I may add I am often amazed at the power of collective thinking in bringing to light aspects of a problem which no one student could have coped with alone.

# "Supervision"

As one who has personally experienced the intellectual stimulation to be derived from research. I have often thought of the good to be gained if every physician could at one time have an opportunity for supervised work in one of the experimental disciplines. I am thinking of supervision by the seasoned investigator who makes it a habit to think out loud in the presence of his pupil. The processes of thought are not very different from those which could profitably be used by every physician in reaching a diagnosis. The method begins with observation and a curiosity which signals that the cause of a symptom is obscure. Curiosity leads to a hypothesis which is then explored mentally for its logical corollaries. Intellectual speculation concerning all of

the consequences of a hypothesis is often neglected in the mad urge to carry out experiments and tests directed at elucidating an isolated phase of an overall problem. The speculation, if diligently and habitually pursued, will save much time and money because often an hypothesis will be discarded before any tests have been made. If the hypothesis cannot be discarded it will be useful if one or more of the corollaries can be exposed to experimental test. The testing may require the skill and imagination of a genius but again it may not involve more than looking for a sign that previously had been passed by. Repeated many times, the process is certain to have a chastening effect. Biological problems are complicated and can rarely be followed accurately through more than one serial deduction. But the hypotheses are useful even when they turn out to be wrong. For in that case they serve to discover at what point the reasoning went astray. A new hypothesis can be formulated and its consequences exposed to further tests of observation and experiment. The method in these terms is simple. By thinking out loud with a pupil and by guiding the train of his thinking we can strive to impart the method even without supervised training in research.

I have said that the method is simple. Many teachers may think it so simple as not to need conscious fostering and guidance. I am convinced that this thinking is fallacious. It is not easy for the student or physician to move through a busy career and maintain a lively curiosity. Too often we encounter satisfaction and even complacency in the statement, "We must not go beyond the facts." I belong to a school which holds that we must encourage our pupils to let fancy roam where it will. The dan-

ger-line between fact and fancy will never be obscured when fancy is habitually encouraged to formulate tests whereby its truth may be examined.

# Atmosphere of Learning

There is yet another and powerful method of training the mind to use facts soundly. It is a method that affects not only the students but also the staff of teachers, as they grow older. The method evolves from the creation within a department of an atmosphere of learning. It is an expensive method because it requires the presence of a number of able teachers each of whom possesses highly specialized knowledge in a subspecialized division of the department. The subspecialists must be accessible to students, interns, residents, graduate students and to each other. The atmosphere emerges most clearly when all are assembled together for conference about the patient. Interchange of thought among students, residents and a group of teachers creates an environment in which collective knowledge is truly encyclopedic. The background of a college for physicians and surgeons, of a parent university, where teachers share together the exhilaration of research, where the research extends beyond the field of a single specialty, where the research delves deeply into problems of basic science, augments immeasurably the caliber of curiosity characterizing the conference. New information is always imparted to students and teachers alike and the facts emerge in an environment charged with the need to reason. Error of reasoning meets the challenge of greater acquaintance with fact. This is the atmosphere to incite the mind to grow.

If I ever harbored doubts concern-

ing the intellectually stimulating value of readily accessible opportunities for interchange of thought with able medical scientists, the doubts would have been dispelled by an experience about 15 years ago. I was then active as a member of the executive council of the Society for Pediatric Research. At one of our council meetings we discussed the accusation of a disgruntled pediatrics professor that the members of the society were just a bunch of snobs. The professor cited as evidence the fact that more than half of the society's members came from a mere half-dozen departments of pediatrics, that most of the departments in the country were not represented at all. The council was disturbed because its members suspected that the accusation might well be justified. A campaign was planned to instigate nominations for membership from all departments in the country where any research at all was going on. As a result more than a hundred names were submitted. Credentials, bibliographies and reprints were reviewed carefully by members of the council. The review was a discouraging experience. A few new members were found but the vast majority had to be rejected as lacking the promise of a fruitful research career. Slowly the truth dawned. Members of the society came largely from a relatively few departments because, for an average period of 10 years before winning membership, they had been exposed to interchange of thought in centers of medical and scientific learning. Living and working daily in a stimulating environment had nurtured intellectual growth; as a result they had become more deserving of membership than those who had to be rejected.

# Conclusion

In drawing this essay to its conclusion I cannot escape the obligation of stressing the importance of the subject with which it deals. The purpose of all medicine is to bring medical knowledge to the bedside of the patient. The purpose of medical education is to prepare physicians to treat the diseases and safeguard the health of people. It is therefore a bounden duty to give close consideration to what is involved in training the mind of the doctor.

We are living in a century when the knowledge to be imparted has been expanding with amazing speed. We are living when the social structures of people throughout the world are also experiencing change. More and more insistently men everywhere are demanding access to the rewards of medical progress. We are also living in a country dedicated to the convictions (1) that the greatest good to the greatest number is attained by production and dissemination both of goods and of knowledge and (2) that productivity reaches its maximum under a system which fosters untrammeled initiative and collaboration.

Because these things are so and because we are proud of the American system which brought them into being, I, a former faculty member with a deep love for the place, charge those of you responsible for the future of the medical center to consider the ways and means of preserving the concepts and ideals which at its founding paved the way to greatness.

# Problems in Educational Diagnosis by the Student in the Diabetes Clinic

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# Epidemiology as a teaching problem

PIDEMIOLOGICALLY SPEAKING Diabetes mellitus is a disease of those older individuals in the clinic population. Mass surveys show that a fairly good representative cross section of the entire population has need for health education by the physician. Since Diabetes mellitus is an impairment, the patient must learn to live with this constitutional defect and this requires that he develop a philosophy of the so-called "diabetic's way of life." Here the physician is both educator and medical advisor. He plays a role in determining the importance of education in the total medical advice and care.

Diabetes control includes early detection and prevention. Diagnosis and treatment include supportive care of the individual diabetic when he is experiencing any of the complications and intercurrent illness. Some common denominators in the control of the complications include teaching the patient the importance of reporting symptoms related to coma,

insulin reaction, vascular complications and circulatory disorders. Table I presents some problems in the education of the junior or senior medical student as he attempts to make an educational diagnosis by various methods or approaches. Here he learns he cannot reduce a whole complex of a man's life into direct questions with tidy certain answers. This patient is more than an organism in a constant state of flux, but is educable and trainable and responsive. He is a learner. The doctor responds by being a teacher. Table 3 presents further considerations on epidemiology.

Classification of educational problems as they relate to the medical conditions found are individual but line up somewhat with the content of Table 2. Table 4 presents some of the many facets of educational control. Medical men have long sought clinical methods for physical control of diabetes, but the educator seeks with equal zeal educational controls. There is need for research to determine a successful widely acceptable clinical definition of control of educational complications. The current efforts in diabetes epidemiological studies are directed toward procur-

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### Table 1.

# PROBLEMS IN THE EDUCATION OF THE MEDICAL STUDENT IN METHODS OF MAKING AN EDUCATIONAL DIAGNOSIS\*

Properly used the medical diagnosis and the educational diagnosis can be an effective tool in the treatment of the patient with the chronic disease of public health importance, Diabetes Mellitus.

### **EDUCATIONAL DIAGNOSIS**

- 1. Explore the values inherent in proper educational procedures
  - a. Mastery of knowledge and concepts
  - b. Acquisition of attitudes and understandings
  - c. Development of habits and practices.
- 2. Consider the inclusiveness of information contained in the educational program based on
  - a. Individual interview and case-conferences
  - Classes—to broaden and deepen the concepts of health as it can be enjoyed by the diabetic.
    - 1. Private office of the physician
    - Demonstration unit of the U.S. Public Health Service, Diabetes Sections, regional classes for diabetics
    - Primary instruction classes for the hospitalized patient and the family members attending the relative
    - 4. Primary and secondary instruction in classes for clinic out-patients.
- Review the method currently employed in that teaching center and note the principles and mechanics for implementation in the administrative and instructional aspects of the operation of an educational program.
  - a. New offerings are predicated on the medical teams full understanding and realistic use of the entire group of educational process in planning for and administrating the program.
  - b. The evaluation of different educational procedures in the treatment of the patient may serve as a measure of the accuracy of initial and subsequent teaching patterns in each aspect of the program as well as for the total curriculum.
    - c. Significant findings become direct cues that teaching practices may be examined and modifications appropriate to the situation may be made.
    - d. Service continuity means upgrading the instructional program.

ing sufficient data to bridge some of the gaps in our information on the detection of educational factors. The age group must be reached at their educational level. Workers in mass screening point out that diabetes is about seven times more common in those over 45 years of age than those from 15 to 44 years of age. This presents an educational hurdle too.

# General approaches

The general approaches which may be used in studying the problems of the diabetic patient and/or his family may be individual or collective. The patient's physical examination will reveal some evidences of his grasp of pertinent knowledge as he interprets the facts discussed.

Measurement of silent symptoms may be done by such tests as various blood tests: Sunderman method, Folin-Wu method, Somogyi method, Wilkerson-Heftman or Folin-Malros method. Then there are methods of sugar determination of plasma or spinal fluid. Tests for glycosuria include Galatest, Dryepak, Clinitest, Fehlings' solution and the Benedict test. Estimation of sugar in the urine may previously have been done by

<sup>\*</sup>There appears to be little information available in the medical education literature to quide the professionally trained physician in his development of an educational program for the medical student in the diabetes clinic. Nor are there clear guides readily available to help him interpret the periodic statements in the educational literature or the procedures used in the treatment of Diabetes mellitus in terms of their real meaning as related to his diabetes program.

the patient and his report will reveal in part his accuracy and clarity of recording. Several acetone tests are available of which the following are examples: Acetest (Ames), the nitroprusside test, and the Denver Chemical Co. Acetone Test powder. The acetone test of the plasma may use the qualitative nitroprusside test, the estimation of sugar in spinal fluid having been made by the Galatest reagent. Acetone in the blood may also be determined by the Rothera-Wishart test. Silent symptoms may be detected at the time

of the clinical histories, therapeutic tests, case conferences and dietary histories.

Concept formation in the diabetic can be stimulated by such questions as: What is a chronic disease? How can this hereditary defect be corrected? Have you noticed a change in severity since you have grown older? Has each diet been equally effective in keeping you in control? It is known that in the senile diabetic there is an estimated deficiency of 60 per cent of the normal elaboration of insulin, while there is a 90

# Table 2.

# CLASSIFICATION OF DIABETIC PATIENTS ACCORDING TO EDUCATIONAL DIAGNOSIS\*

1. Those with a high educational potential.

These are fully and readily educable because of normal mentality and previous educational attainments, plus personality characteristics that usually can fit into regular clinical programs.

2. Those with some degree of capacity and aptitude in line with the responsibilities

that must be assumed in this chronic disease.

These are not readily educable, but need special sessions and more individual conferences in order to attain the desired goals important to their care. These individuals have normal mentality, but have moderate or severe physical, sensorial or emotional disability.

3. Those with limited educational achievement and slow-learning abilities.

These are not fully educable and the educational placement depends upon the emergency and the physical condition. Some of the patients in this group show mild or moderate mental retardation and present personality disorders.

 Those who are not educable and need custodial or institutional care for their severe physical disorder.

Some may be trainable at certain stages of their diseases but as eventualities take their toll and aged complications appear they become unable to manage their ewn affairs.

Certain services in the treatment of the diabetic patient may be needed almost every day, and a visiting nurse or non-professional assistant may provide the necessary injections for those home bound patients unable to have institutional care.

The hub of the educational diabetes program is the multiprofessional diabetes center which makes appraisal of the diabetes status and educational potentialities, and recommends a plan of care, both immediate and long term.

To make an educational diagnosis the physician must sell himself and his message. The scope of the educational process includes the impact of the whole of life's experiences. This includes (1) Organizing communities to meet their health needs with available resources, (2) Planning educational programs for the various component parts of the community participating, (3) Cooperating with other organizations to develop an integrated health program which will compliment and amplify each other. The physician cannot do all the teaching of the diabetic patient and his family himself. He must have someone to help him. He must use the combined competencies represented by all of the health team.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Criteria for the educational diagnosis is (1) Importance in the medical management, (2) Observability in terms of behavioral automes, (3) Completeness, (4) Allowance for individual differences in order to make it highly effective to the patient, provide for significant interests, activities and accomplishments, and give aid to those with special abilities who give promise of growth under nuture.

### Table 3.

# PROBLEMS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MEDICAL STUDENT ASSISTING IN THE EDUCATIONAL DIAGNOSIS OF THE PATIENT WITH THE CHRONIC DISEASE DIABETES MELLITUS

1. Epidemiology—in the study of the occurence of the disease. Today the physician is an educator.

Upon what age group is the educational diagnosis being made?

Evaluation. Continual evaluation of existing teaching concepts assures the greatest degree of curriculum development. Evaluation of a mass screening program may be related back to the findings in National Health Survey.

Illustration: Diabetes is a common disease. The prevalence by age groups is: Three out of four diabetic patients are over the age of fifty. The onset occurs between 40-60 Years.

(men and women	included)	
1-19 20-39 40-49 50-59* 60-69†	One diabetic in 2,500 patients One diabetic in 1,000 One diabetic in 200 One diabetic in 100 One diabetic in 40-50 Incidence is greater in the ob-	hara nondati

\*58-64, One diabetic in each hundred men, in each fifty women. 166 and over, One diabetic in seventy men, in forty-five women. J.A.M.A. 154, 1182, 1954; Forecast 5:30, 1952; JAMA 147, 1411-1414, 1951.

How can integration of the patients learnings from the past experiences be used in meeting his present problem?

- 2. Descriptive nature of the diabetes condition. What aspects of education must be stressed? First hand knowledge puts a responsibility on the patient to learn; how can he be helped to learn?
- 3. Complications and parts of the body to be considered. When should special education be given? Special blocks of knowledge may need to be added in the course of the disease.
- 4. Pathological physiology and laboratory markers. How much of the technical information is essential in making an adequate educational diagnosis? Evaluation. A. Keith. Lancet 2, 1047, 1925.

"The solution of our problem of life is a fuller knowledge of the use and working of those parts of our bodies most apt to give way under modern ways of living.

The major thesis is that the physician has the obligation to his diabetic patient and to his community to promote the mastery for the individual of such knowledge, the acquisition of such attitudes, and the development of such habits as will make possible better adjustment by the patient to the conditions found in this chronic

Health is now concerned with the optimum physical, emotional and social wellbeing of the individual.

Mass screening and detection drives assist the general public to appreciate the simplicity of the laboratory tests and the role of the laboratory technician as a member of the medical team is brought to their attention.

Urbanization has contributed to the usefulness of the mass screening procedures. The population increases make mass screening a valuable tool in estimating the significance of the problem of education of the patient's need, for education of the employer in a period of industrial expansion in which diabetics may need to learn how to avoid hypoglycemic reactions while working with power

Make every physical examination a truly convincing educational experience.

per cent deficiency in the juvenile diabetic. Hence the correlation by the patient is considered by the educator to indicate something of his grasp of the scope of the insulin deficiency.

According to the best estimates there are at least one million known diabetics to four million total diabetics, if all stages of the condition are considered subject to educational improvement. Since 1948 the Diabetes Detection Drive has assisted the lay people in an appreciation of the measures to use in the early reporting of symptoms. Since polyuria, polydypsia and polyphagia are the traditional symptoms of diabetes, mothers of children, where both parents are diabetics, should be cautioned in the pediatric clinic, to make periodic checks after a severe infection. The distinguishing evidence may appear in a careful history of diabetes in the family, and the doctor of medicine may use the physical examination as an occasion to teach the important features of hyperglycemia. Hyperglycemia is a more accurate diagnostic "silentsymptom" guide than glycosuria records made by the patient at home. Slight and transitory elevations of the blood sugar may be present and the doctor may need to educate the patient as to the significance of the slight deviations from the normal. In instances of suspected predisposition and strong family tendencies, obesity is contraindicated. This is an educational problem in which the nutritionist is an ally. This is as well prophylaxis. When it is considered that the amount of glucose circulating in the blood could supply only enough calories for 10 to 15 minutes of normal energy expenditure, and that fifty times the amount of carbohydrate may be consumed at one time as exist in the circulating blood, it is evident that the hungry prediabetic, obese, middle-aged female patient is going to need some advice and help on food selection and menu planning.

# A diabetic always needs diabetes education

Education of the patient pays dividends. A case of coma in a patient has not been reported by a well-educated physician in the last two decades. The better informed individual can protect himself by knowledge accompanied by intelligent action. Treatment of the total patient is not possible all the time. An initial diet may represent only a fractional bit of information, but the doctor must be satisfied with "reasonable success" and the backlog of experience which this starter dose will furnish. Progressive levels of understanding are anticipated. A decision by the patient as to his plan for action is most necessary. The patient has responsibilities, relationships and rights. He cannot cure his educational ills any more than his medical ills. He can seek educational advice just like he seeks medical counsel. He may be lax and careless and assume a negative attitude. but the good teacher will motivate and stimulate him.

# Summary

If the following illustration may be used, the type of dietary instruction serving as the example, the gradation of knowledge may be furnished by these principles:

1. Health at any level is an individual responsibility. Nutrition is a part of health. To develop the skills essential for giving educational assistance to patients the medical student must acquire an understanding of the laws of learning. He must learn how to motivate the patient

### Table 4.

MAJOR ASPECTS OF INFORMATION NEEDED TO BE PRESENTED TO PHYSICIANS IN TRAINING IN THE DIABETES CLINICS ON MEASURING EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

1. The development of effective methods of critical thinking in problems relating to a. diet, food and nutrition

b. insulin

 c. concurrent illnesses demanding a differential medical and educational diagnosis, and the complications of diabetes m. and stages in sequence to past events and illnesses.

d. exercise, work or play

 philosophy of the diabetic way of life, for the inapparent unknown diabetic with the hereditary potential, for the incipient diabetic, and for the manifest diabetic.

2. The use of reasonable generalizations from specific data.

The acquisition of a wide range of significant data on the diabetic population upon whom the medical and educational diagnosis is being made, involves

a. greater integration of the services of the ancillary professional team.

b. better use of available local community resources for the benefit of the patient.
 c. improved understanding of the patient as a social unit—an individual and not a case.

d. better understanding of the functions of the educational procedures in certain times in the course of the disease. This is a biological approach to education, in which the pathological physiology sets up a learning situation.

The acquisition of different levels of specificity in classifying information on control.
 Becoming familiar with various important aspects of information needed by all patients, diet, exercise, and some more than others in insulin, mortality, morbidity, etc.

b. Developing the ability to deal effectively with problems arising in later life since

most of the patients are over middle age.

c. Acquiring information about dependable sources of information relating to diet and/or equipment needed by all insulin-taking diabetics. "Men must be taught as if you taught them not,

and things unknown proposed as things forgot"

Pape.

 The use of the physical examination to teach care and function of the body to the diabetic.

a. Physical check as a teaching device.

b. Laboratory test and mass screening as a teaching device.

c. Periodic check on special problems to determine How much progress has been made to reach predetermined achievements in health status?

1) Setting down the objectives

2) Selection of appropriate tools for the evaluation of the objectives

3) Measuring progress toward the goals

4) Coordination of the findings

5) Redirection, reorganization and expansion as a result of the findings. Will special services help the patient improve his health or educational status? The estimate of progress should be made in terms of

a) Ultimate autcome expected for the patient b) Immediate and long-term objectives for him

5. The placing of emphasis on the preventive approach and the social and community aspects of health and well-being.
a. Coordination of services. Coordination does not mean the end of the identity of

a. Coordination of services. Coordination does not mean the end of the identity of the various clinical teaching resources, but rather a recognition of common problems, and joint responsibilities to a place of supplemental and combined significance.

 Individual applications of educational principles require localized research through which the basic knowledge can be adopted to locally varying conditions existing in the diabetes clinic population.

c. The esimated timing of individual progress.

Educational help given to each patient should be carefully selected.

 The doctor is dealing with an aging population, four-fifths are over 45 years of age.

 an overweight population, 17 out of 20 of those over 40 years of age are overweight.

 a population with more women than men, three women to two men is the usual ratio.

4) an increasing number of patients who have benefited from early diagnosis.

and to overcome psychological barriers to learning.

2. The individual must develop a basic understanding of the etiology, symptomatology, course, complications, treatment and resources for care at the local, state and national levels. Diet modifications as a part of the treatment should not occupy the major portion of each clinic visit. Classification of food and general principles of specialized dietary management have a place, but only a small part of the total educational curriculum, and other matters of concern should be brought to the attention of the learner. Exercise and corrective measures may require some reading assignments by the patient. Nursing care in orthopedic surgery includes such information to the family as their place in the care of the amputee, mental aspects to report, physical therapy aspects, rehabilitation and prosthesis care. Timing of instruction to the patient may mean the individual faces his educational problems with greater assurance.

# Conclusion

The doctor does his part to teach the student the principles of health and to encourage the diabetic to practice these principles in daily living. The physician as an educator sets up a learning situation, so designed as to produce maximum learning under stress, to encourage the student to assume responsibility for his own health program. This role of physician-educator is learned by the medical student as he appreciates the laws of learning, the laws of forgetting and the differences in learning capacity of the patient.

# An Outline for a Curriculum

# for Teaching Psychiatry in Medical Schools\*

THE COMMITTEE ON Medical Education of the American Psychiatric Association has prepared this outline to guide departments of psychiatry and medical schools in organizing their teaching of psychiatry. The project is an outgrowth of the 1951 Ithaca Conference on Psychiatry in Medical Education, which the American Psychiatric Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges sponsored jointly. The conference evoked a large number of requests for a more detailed statement concerning what medical school graduates should know about psychiatry and how schools can convey such knowledge and skills.

Progress in psychiatry requires constant experimentation in teaching and continuing reevaluation of conceptualizations. The committee does not seek to set patterns of instruction but to establish standards. Each department of psychiatry has special interests, and its members particular skills, that must properly guide the nature and organization of its teaching. However, the differing emphasis placed upon the teaching of psychiatry in the various schools; the difficulties encountered in presenting partially formulated concepts; and the diversified approaches to the subject matter have led to the graduation of medical students whose experience and knowledge concerning psychiatric matters is far more divergent than in other areas of medical education. The graduates of many schools have little understanding of the interpersonal problems of their patients and are inadequately prepared to deal with them. Residency training in psychiatry starts with virtual beginners, rather than with graduate students as in other fields. Complaints are heard from other departments, as they develop increasing interest in comprehensive, patient-oriented medicine, that their interns and residents have only a rudimentary knowledge of relating to patients and of the scientific approaches to understanding interpersonal relationships. It has become essential that physicians emerge from medical schools with a background in psychiatry that is not only adequate but also approximately similar, just as in other major areas of medical education.

The nature of medical practice has altered rapidly because of the advances in the medical sciences, leading to increased attention and involvement with chronic illness, geriatrics, developmental problems of childhood, and disabilities due to emotional conflict and maladjustment. The concepts of modern psychiatry have become increasingly useful to the physician because of the advances in psychiatry and the changing interests of medicine. Medical practice today requires a firm foundation in

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the science and art of interpersonal relations to enable the physician to treat patients rather than diseases and to understand the social and physical environment that affects the patient's health. The 1951 conference recognized the changing needs and stimulated a reorientation of American medical education.

As the volume, "Psychiatry and Medical Education,"\* provides an excellent report of the 1951 conference, the present document will not attempt to summarize further the discussion of the many fundamental problems of contemporary medical school education which it encompassed. The conference approved of the need to incorporate the body of knowledge and skills that comprise modern psychiatry into the medical school curriculum. It considered that the proper preparation for clinical work in all subjects required that psychiatry provide instruction in the preclinical years concerning those aspects of behavior that are specifically human, to supplement the mammalian model that serves in most preclinical sciences. As the variations and vicissitudes in personal development which affect man's transactions with his fellow man also influence his physiologic functioning, they have immediate pertinence to the entire problem of health and disease. The student requires experience during the clinical years of school in understanding and treating patients as persons and in developing skill and judgment in utilizing the doctorpatient relationship therapeutically.

Many of the difficulties which formerly impeded the adequate teaching of psychiatry are disappearing. Members of other clinical departments have become aware that students and residents require considerable background in psychiatric theory and skills to care for patients properly. It has also become increasingly apparent that scientific progress concerning many unsolved problems in medicine requires further knowledge of physiologic changes associated with emotional conflict. In most medical schools, increased time in the curriculum is no longer being denied to psychiatry. Rather, departments of psychiatry are being urged to improve and expand their teaching, and the departments need guides to help plan the expansion.

Although controversial issues among psychiatrists continue, many of the differences of opinion involve theory or therapy at levels that do not basically affect student teaching. Teachers express substantial agreement concerning a core of knowledge that students need to acquire and they also recognize that students require exposure to divergent approaches to prepare for future advances. The committee wishes to emphasize at the outset that the material can be taught and the experience gained in a variety of ways. It would make the document extremely unwieldy to cite examples of methods currently utilized in various schools. Few departments of psychiatry are satisfied with their teaching and all seek ways to improve instruction. Further, the pattern of instruction must suit the facilities available and the school's particular curriculum pattern, as well as the interests and individuality of the teachers. On the other hand, the school must consider the problems involved in teach-

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ing psychiatry when it formulates its curriculum and it must provide adequate clinical facilities.

Few if any medical schools have developed departments of psychiatry that are adequate for the tasks now required of them. Almost all departments are hampered by a paucity of space and money, both products of psychiatry's late arrival as a major subject. The shortage of well-trained teachers will continue for a number of years. One of the greatest difficulties confronting departments of psychiatry stems from the need to teach in both the preclinical and clinical years. Since they were established and have been maintained essentially as clinical departments, the demands upon the teachers, both in time devoted to medical school teaching and in breadth of knowledge of many relatively divergent subjects, has become too heavy. Currently the full-time teacher can find little time for research and study, making the academic positions tempting to neither scholar nor investigator. Proper changes in curriculum can only occur when medical schools reorganize sufficiently to permit marked increases in the size of departments of psychiatry in keeping with their greatly increased teaching load. Some schools still lack autonomous departments of psychiatry and their hospitals lack adequate psychiatric facilities. Psychiatry cannot be taught properly as a subsection of internal medicine or neurology. It is an area of medicine, with its own contents, perspectives and needs, and actually with more widespread teaching responsibilities than other areas of medicine.

# THE PRECLINICAL YEARS

The teaching in the first two years of medical school presents difficulties concerning both content and peda-

gogy. Much of what psychiatrists seek to teach in the preclinical years should not be considered as instruction in psychiatry. The study of personality development and maldevelopment and an orientation to the science and art of interpersonal relations are necessary preparation for clinical subjects. Other departments share in the teaching and in some schools they now collaborate actively. The department of psychiatry has the major responsibility, not only because these subjects form the foundation for clinical psychiatry, but also because the psychiatrists' consistent interest in personality development and psychodynamics best fits them for the task. However, pediatricians' interest in problems of personality development in childhood leads them to participate increasingly in many schools.

Many departments of psychiatry have assumed the responsibility for broadening the students' perspectives of the science and art of medicine. They have used allotted time to foster a comprehensive approach to medicine which stresses the integration of human behavior, and which focuses upon the patient rather than the illness. They have also sought to interest students in the social forces which affect people and their development, to balance the more purely structural and physiologic approaches of other preclinical departments. Such instruction, which seeks to widen horizons, alter attitudes and increase personal awareness, while important for the teaching of psychiatry, forms a contribution to the general education of the medical student and should not be considered as part of the psychiatric curriculum proper.

Recognizing that the student's emotional immaturity and his own defenses against anxiety may block his perception and understanding of patients' emotional problems, some teachers of psychiatry have sought to increase the student's awareness of his problems and defenses as an essential prelude to teaching about the interpersonal problems of patients. However, increasing empathy for patients, fostering emotional maturation of students, promoting the student's awareness of his own problems, etc., are not ends in themselves but a means of opening the way for the acquisition of skills and knowledge. The committee believes that such matters are best approached through concern with relatively normal ways of adjustment rather than through entering upon therapy of the student. A teacher-student relationship rather than a doctor-patient relationship should maintain in these subjects as in other areas of medical instruction.

The material to be taught in the first two years encompesses three related areas.

1. Personality growth and development, including the integration and the adaptive devices of the personality. Such courses are usually called "human biology," "psychobiology," "medical psychology," etc. However taught, the core of the material concerns the development of the genically endowed organism into a person through maturation and, at the same time, through interpersonal experience. It stresses that which is essentially "human" in behavior, amplifying the material taught in the physical and biological sciences which to a large extent pertains to infrahuman functioning almost as much as to the human. In so doing, it places particular emphasis upon the importance of mentation and symbolic behavior; the modification of basic drives through socialization; the development of individual character; as well as the conscious and unconscious factors in understanding motivating forces that affect both physiologic and overt behavior.

- 2. Psychopathology, which might optimally be taught as an extension of the study of the variations of normal development and behavior, includes the recognized personality types which are usually considered as variants of the normal, as well as the suffering and illness imposed upon the self and others by distorted personality development.
- 3. Instruction and practice in techniques of interviewing and in the understanding and use of the interpersonal physician-patient relationship as a diagnostic and therapeutic agent.

The location of these subjects in the curriculum pattern, the methods of teaching, and the material to be included, can vary widely. As mentioned, schools with sufficient curriculum hours may wish to devote considerable time during the first year to broadening the student's horizons concerning medical care and inculcating an orientation toward patient-centered comprehensive medicine. It is important that instruction in these topics start in the first year of medical school and preferably at the beginning of the first year. It has often been asserted that the student is too preoccupied with anatomy, physiology and biochemistry to pay sufficient attention to these subjects. It is precisely for this reason that teaching in the first year seems essential. The student who usually enters medical school with an interest in people often loses such interest unless the integrated functioning of the person in a social setting receives emphasis from the start. Without it, the student gains the impression that the biologic and physical sciences

alone form the basis of the practice of medicine and does not learn to think in terms of the interaction between the physiologic, psychologic and social factors essential to the understanding of health and disease in man. The teaching of the basic biologic and physical sciences can benefit if students very early gain a comprehensive view of the total person set in an environment that is physical, cultural and interpersonal.

The study of these three major areas belongs in the preclinical curriculum because they are essential to the students' understanding and treatment of patients. Any work with patients during this period should be clearly designated as a means of learning, rather than patient care for which most students are unprepared.

Instruction that is purely didactic is as ineffective in these subjects as it is in other preclinical areas. Difficulties arise because the human being is unsuited for demonstration experiments except to a limited extent. Various ways to overcome this difficulty are being found: (1) Students are assigned to study patients and families in homecare programs, or to interview and follow patients in a hospital or in some community setting such as nursery schools, children's homes, etc. Such teaching methods require the collaboration of other departments, and homecare programs may require reorganization of the entire teaching program of the medical school. (2) Patient demonstrations are used freely. (3) Recorded interviews and suitable film material from various film libraries are utilized. (4) Classes are divided into active discussion groups for interchange of personal experience and opinions. (5) Laboratory experiments in physiology demonstrate the effects of emotions upon physiologic functioning, utilizing both animal and human subjects. It requires ingenuity to find active teaching methods adapted to the local situation.

An attempt to designate more fully the content of the three preclinical courses follows:

# 1. Personality Development and Functioning

(a) The interrelationship and interdependency between physical maturation, environmental experiences, and the interpersonal background of the growing child. A general introduction to the integrating activity of the central nervous system with emphasis on the role of symbolic functioning in human integration. The helplessness of the infant at birth and the importance of the prolonged dependency of the human; the general effects of parental attitudes and handling upon physiologic reactivity and personality formation; the need for correlation between levels of maturation and the demands placed upon the child for socially acceptable behavior; the relationships between mothering, feeding, dependency, and basic security. Various problems of domestic socialization: bowel and bladder training, feeding problems, fitting into the family, the early arousal of shame and guilt; problems involving locomotion and early independence, and their relationship to parental attitudes; the concepts of oral, anal and genital stages of development and their critical evaluation; the development of differentiation between self and surroundings and between fantasy and reality; the strivings toward maturity and growing independence, as against gaining security through regression and dependency; the development of identifications with parental figures, with cognizance of the early identification of children of both sexes with the mother; the problems and management of infantile sexuality. The family drama: the Oedipal situation and its resolution, including the establishment of sexual identity as a male or female; ambivalence toward parental figures and problems of sibling rivalry; problems arising from deprivation of a parent; ways of handling anxiety and aggression and means of achieving balance between gratification and frustration. Later childhood: community socialization and so-called latency; the adjustment to school and the effect of variations in intelligence on personality development. The impact of puberty on boys and girls: the physical changes; the arousal of personal sensitivity and the reawakening of earlier sexual and developmental problems; adolescent revolt and conformity. The development of an adequate ego identity, or the evolution of a concept of distinctive self; the importance of role-taking and having suitable guides in promoting a satisfactory emergence from adolescence; the difficulties of vocational choice, perhaps with emphasis on the students' problems in this area. Problems surrounding courtship and marital choice. The sexual adjustment in marriage and the rudiments of knowledge necessary for sensible marital counselling. The impact of pregnancy, parenthood and the changes in the marital relationship produced by parenthood. Typical problems of the later years: the frustrations of middle-life; the adjustments to the menopause, to the children leaving the home; the loss of parents; the loss of the spouse, etc. The problems of the declining years and declining abilities, the impact of chronic incapacitation, and the necessary adjustments to them.

(b) Personality structure and integration: basic drives as motivational forces; anxiety arising out of conflict and leading to repression and other adaptive mechanisms; an introduction to the problems of conscious and unconscious motivation; the importance of identification in learning and development; the concepts of the id, ego and superego, and their critical evaluation; role-taking and its importance in the development of the personality; patterns of living and their adaptive character.

- (c) Social and cultural forces affecting personality development and behavior: ethnic and class differences in mores; typical problems of family life; the effects of intrafamilial conflict and family dissolution upon members of the family; the family as a carrier of cultural patterns; the culture as the conveyor of mores and skills: the interrelationship between the individual and his culture; the growth of man into a culture and man as a carrier of cultural patterns; the role of religion in contemporary life; the individual in an industrial society.
- (d) An introduction to the role of language and mentation in human behavior: intelligence as an adaptive tool; consideration of the extent to which the human can utilize the past and plan into the future; the integration of human behavior at a symbolic level of functioning, perception and its projective qualities; conditioning in the learning process; intelligence and differences in human functioning according to intelligence levels.
- (e) The role of emotions in physiologic functioning: The role of the autonomic nervous system and the endocrine system in both physical and psychologic adaptation; infantile and childhood emotional experiences and the conditioning of physiologic patterns to internalized emotional conflicts; illustrative material such as

the impact of emotions upon gastric, colonic or cardiac functioning.

It seems unlikely that the very large amount of material contained in this course can be taught successfully in less than 60 curricular hours; particularly if students spend time interviewing people, or in small discussion groups. The absence of a suitable text for such courses greatly increases the difficulties in teaching.

Obviously, this material can be taught in many different ways, in conjunction with various departments, and divided differently between the first and second years in medical school. It is particularly in this area that considerable experimentation remains necessary to find suitable teaching methods. The teaching of first year students requires the most experienced teachers. The student's initial impression of the field of psychiatry and what it can offer is often based upon his impressions of the teacher as much as upon the subject matter. In psychiatry, the experienced teachers are usually clinicians who may be reluctant, or even unable, to readjust to teaching at a first year level, and to become familiar with the knowledge and needs of first year medical students.

Certainly some of the material lends itself to teaching in conjunction with other departments. Such topics as learning, perception, memory, etc., scarcely mentioned in most courses in physiology, and neuroanatomy, might fit most aptly into these courses. Proper emphasis of the influence of emotions on bodily functioning can enhance the values of courses in physiology and biochemistry but tradition leads to virtual neglect of such topics in these courses. Pathology can be broadened to include consideration of the emotional factors in the etiology of certain pertinent conditions such as peptic ulcer, ulcerative colitis, etc. The introduction of such material into these preclinical sciences will help broaden the students' perspectives and greatly aid the integrated teaching of medicine.

# 2. Psychopathology

Psychopathology has traditionally been taught during the second year of medical school. Often patients are presented to illustrate the various psychopathologic conditions accompanied by a delineation of the typical features of psychiatric syndromes according to a modified Kraepelinian classification. In recent years, some medical schools have tended to eliminate this course, leaving the study of psychopathology until the student works with patients in the third and fourth years. Despite certain advantages in such delay, the student then reaches his clinical work without the knowledge requisite for understanding his patients, which diminishes the value of his clerkships in all subjects.

In general, there has also been a tendency to get away from classic descriptive psychopathology in an attempt to teach the subject as an extension of the variations of normal development and behavior. Emphasis is placed upon the various mechanisms of defense and their use maladaptively, and perhaps upon the relationship of personality types and pathologic syndromes to fixations at various developmental stages of childhood. Certain basic principles of psychopathology cut across syndromes or psychopathologic conditions; such as, regressive behavior, fantasy life, problems of separation and dependency, etc. Such topics as regressive behavior and problems of identification require study in vari-

ous contexts, in diversified situations, and in their relationship to other adaptive and maladaptive mechanisms. There is a need to combine the more dynamic approach with descriptive psychopathology. An approach that would again start with the child and review the types of difficulties that arise in the course of maturation and development, contains merit and promise. If students are to be prepared properly for medical practice, a much broader introduction to psychopathology than has conventionally been taught is required. For example, psychopathology should include dynamic understanding of such matters as feeding problems in childhood, night terrors, enuresis, etc.; problems of emancipation from the mother; common difficulties that arise in school life; problems of juvenile delinquency as related to the social environment and to intrapersonal conflicts; adolescent behavioral disorders; problems of homosexuality; difficulties in marital sexual adjustment, pregnancy and childbirth, and many other such problems encountered among patients regardless of the specialty being practiced. The dynamic psychopathology of the various neuroses and the major psychoses can be presented in a manner that will not only give familiarity with the clinical syndromes which students must learn, but also will illustrate the various mechanisms of defense which the student should learn to recognize in less seriously disordered individuals. Practical reasons suggest giving considerable attention to the psychopathology of alcoholism and of problems involved in marital disharmony. The introduction of material concerning the psychopathology of the so-called psychosomatic disorders prepares the student to appreciate the role of emotional factors in clinical medicine.

The tentative nature of current understanding, and the need for further investigative work requires emphasis lest the student gain the impression, as too frequently occurs, that the fundamental problems concerning these conditions have been solved. Currently, it seems necessary to remind departments of psychiatry not to neglect the psychopathology of the various "organic" syndromes. It has been noted in many hospitals that toxic and organic psychoses are frequently misdiagnosed as functional psychoses because of the increased emphasis in teaching dynamic psychiatry, which has often led to neglect of those illnesses primarily involving damage or dysfunction of the brain.

The difficulties encountered in having proper teaching material available for presentation when desired can be partly overcome by the use of sound films demonstrating appropriate cases and tape recordings of interviews with patients.

Proper clinical instruction in psychiatry in the third and fourth years requires that the medical student be prepared to recognize various psychopathologic manifestations, in a course in psychiatry or anywhere else, just as he is expected to diagnose various diseases wherever encountered in his clinical work. The paucity of serious teaching of psychopathology in the preclinical years probably contributes to the resistance and bewilderment which many students display when confronted by patients with psychiatric disorders. Another unfortunate consequence is the unawareness of much good psychiatric material, overlooked during work in other fields of medicine. Whenever possible, teaching by lectures or demonstrations should be augmented by small, informal discussion groups which permit students to ask questions and to seek clarification of problems raised by patient presentations.

# Interviewing Techniques and the Therapeutic Use of Interpersonal Relationships in Medicine

The ability to interview properly is of paramount importance in all spheres of medical practice. Interviewing as taught in psychiatry should not be completely dissociated from history-taking as taught by departments of internal medicine. Ability to carry on an interview requires familiarity with the dynamics of the doctor-patient relationship. Supervised experience for each student appears essential, for interviewing techniques and skills cannot be learned from books, lectures or demonstrations alone. Practice is essential, just as in courses in physical diagnosis. Students need to learn the fundamentals of how to relate to patients meaningfully; the ability to listen and to draw out the patient, the use of minimal activity, the ability to hear what the patient tries to say even when he cannot say it. The use of silent understanding, the simple repetition of phrases or expressions, and techniques to elicit information by nondirective techniques may be taught. Initially, however, the student requires formal guides for conducting the interview, such as: how to gain information concerning the problems which currently confront the patient; how to evaluate the emotional and mental status; how to gain information concerning the family and social background that helps provide understanding of the current situation. Knowledge of personality development and psychopathologic mechanisms is requisite for the understanding of interview material and for carrying on the interaction of the interview. The medical history requires more formal organization to make certain that the novice covers essential areas. The use of one-way screens, both to observe experienced interviewers and to be observed by them, can help greatly. The review and explanatory discussion of tape recordings of interviews can foster great interest. The therapeutic role of an understanding interview usually remains incomprehensible to students until they have the opportunity of observing the results of such interviews upon patients.

A suitable time for instruction in interviewing comes at the end of the second year when, in most medical schools, the student studies such subjects as clinical pathology, physical diagnosis, etc., to prepare for the clinical work which starts in the third year. Clinicians in all fields of medicine agree that skill in interviewing is a prime diagnostic and therapeutic tool and urge students to acquire such abilities. Only the absence of tradition leads to the relative neglect of interviewing in medical schools. In some medical schools, particularly where the students study a family, interviewing techniques can be taught usefully earlier in the curriculum. It is urged that instruction in interviewing should not be delayed until the course in clinical psychiatry, for the student requires these skills while taking other clinical courses.

It is difficult to state how much time the preclinical teaching of psychiatric subjects requires. In certain schools, some of the essential materials may be taught by other departments. The minimum time required to teach personality development and psychopathology adequately will approximate 100 hours. Additional curriculum time is needed for teaching interviewing and historytaking, which may be conducted in

conjunction with other departments in the courses preparatory to clinical work. Schools without an adequate psychiatric faculty will do better to limit the teaching rather than spread their efforts thinly or utilize inadequate teachers.

# THE CLINICAL YEARS

As the organization of most medical schools was established before psychiatry became a major subject, many medical schools planned their hospital facilities with little regard for the clinical teaching of psychiatry. A number of medical schools, therefore, teach psychiatry in auxiliary institutions such as near-by state or veterans hospitals, or in some inadequate setting such as a segment of a medical service containing a small number of psychiatric patients. Some schools teach psychiatry primarily in the outpatient department, supplemented by use of psychiatric patients who are found on other services of the hospital. A department of psychiatry which conducts an active teaching program and the research necessary to stimulate the members of the department and the students they teach, requires a psychiatric service which it can organize for the teaching purposes of the department and the school. It is estimated that at least 50 beds are required to teach a class of approximately 100 students. A children's inpatient psychiatric service is also extremely useful. The type of service termed an acute treatment service best suits the teaching requirements. provided that some chronic patients can be retained in the hospital. The current trend in medical care, which seeks to provide sections of general hospitals for the screening and short term treatment of psychiatric patients in order to improve psychiatric care and lessen the burden of the state institutions, fits in with the general needs of the medical schools.

The teaching of psychiatry may also require changes in the curriculum pattern, for psychiatry, just as other subjects, has particular needs that require recognition. The division of the school year into brief, temporal segments presents difficulties for the teaching of psychiatry. Sometime during the third or fourth year, students should have the benefit of following a few patients over a period of six months or longer. Beneficial changes in psychiatric patients usually occur slowly and students may gain pessimistic or hopeless attitudes if they follow patients but briefly. They require the opportunity to learn the benefits of establishing a therapeutic doctor-patient relationship and certain other psychotherapeutic techniques in which alterations in the patients' interpersonal relations and attitudes may occur gradually.

It is considered that the teaching of psychiatry in the clinical years should be concerned primarily with those aspects of psychiatry required for the proper practice of general medicine. However, in emphasizing the teaching of psychotherapeutic medicine, it cannot be forgotten that the proper practice of any branch of medicine requires knowledge of certain aspects of psychiatry proper, including a basic understanding of the psychoses. All physicians require skill and judgment in the understanding and the management of suicidal and excited patients, in recognizing manifest and latent psychoses, in dealing with disturbed people, etc. Further, when properly taught, students can gain deep insight into human motivations from psychotic patients.

A proper education in the psychiatric field requires teaching in three different areas. The time and emphasis placed on each of these areas will vary with the clinical facilities available and with the orientation of the teaching of each department. The student should have experience with psychiatric problems in children in at least one of these divisions of the program.

- 1. Teaching in a psychiatric hospital, or in a psychiatric section of a general hospital, where knowledge of the major psychoses and the fundamentals of proper treatment of the psychoses can be obtained.
- Outpatient work in psychiatry, where the student becomes familiar with the psychoneuroses and various behavioral problems.
- Liaison teaching with other departments, to further recognition of how personality factors and social problems enter into the treatment of any sick patient.

In addition to these general divisions of the program, lectures or demonstrations of patients may be required to insure a fairly well rounded education in basic clinical psychiatry. A student need not spend time in a mental institution if he can acquire adequate knowledge of the major psychiatric syndromes in a section of a general hospital. However, it is suggested that each student, at least, spend some time in visiting both state and private mental institutions to obtain a clear impression of treatment in psychiatric hospitals. He needs to know where he will be sending patients and what he can expect from such hospitals.

# 1. Psychiatric Inpatient Experience

An acute treatment center directed by the university department of psychiatry provides a most satisfactory location for the teaching. Here the student can see a fairly large number of patients diagnostically and learn treatment, management and disposition procedures. Working under supervision, he can participate with increasing responsibility in the study and care of patients. A state hospital is not suitable unless an admitting section of the hospital functions primarily as an acute treatment center and has a staff with a dynamic approach to patients, and can provide supervision by psychiatrists interested and skilled in teaching.

However it is accomplished, the student should have the opportunity to become familiar with psychotic patients and their treatment. He should learn the basic characteristics and something of the dynamics of the development of the following conditions in patients: a variety of schizophrenic reactions, manic states, psychotically depressed reactions, major character disorders, varieties of alcoholism, severe obsessions and phobias, major hysteria; a sampling of toxic psychoses and structural deteriorations of the central nervous system.

The teaching should focus not just upon the syndromes manifested by various patients, but also upon more general matters such as the following: the indications for hospitalization of psychiatric patients, the indications for commitment of patients and commitment procedures, the care of suicidal patients, the care of acutely disturbed patients and the management of disturbed patients outside the psychiatric hospital, the management of the toxic psychoses, the effect of the hospital atmosphere on patients, the various forms of physical therapies and their indications and limitations. It is useful if the student can also gain some familiarity with the following: the utilization of the hospital and the hospital atmosphere as a therapeutic medium; fundamentals of psychiatric nursing, activities, programs and occupational therapy; the role of the social worker in a psychiatric hospital; the utilization of the psychologist in diagnostic work.

The experience in a psychiatric section of a hospital usually occurs during the third year. The length of time devoted to such work depends upon the remainder of the curriculum. If the hospital experience constitutes the major portion of the psychiatric work, five or six weeks will be required to provide the essential experience. If the curriculum provides for psychiatric outpatient work in the third or fourth year, the students can spend less time in a psychiatric hospital.

# 2. Work in a Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic

Here the student can learn about a variety of patients frequently encountered in practice: patients with various neuroses, character disorders, ambulatory psychoses, somatic manifestations of emotional conflict, etc. The student should become aware of the mixed character of most disorders and the wide assortment of life problems that bring patients to a psychiatric outpatient clinic, rather than focus upon the diagnosis of textbook entities.

Considerable attention should be given to diagnostic work in the broad sense of arriving at an understanding of the patient's condition and making recommendations for further care. The type of psychotherapy that the student can learn best may be designated as relationship therapy. This requires that he have the opportunity and the time in the psychiatric outpatient clinic to experience the reward of seeing the patients improve

because of his understanding relationship with them. Here the student needs to gain familiarity with the manifestations of anxiety and depression; with various problems that may arouse such emotions, and how patients utilize various defenses to ward off overt anxiety. As marital difficulties complicate many problems encountered in medical and surgical clinics, the student should see and hear about a variety of marital difficulties while working in the psychiatric outpatient clinic. To avoid naivete or undue pessimism, the student should not only treat patients under supervision but also have the opportunity to learn something of how more experienced therapists work.

The very careful supervision of work required in the psychiatric outpatient clinic makes it the most suitable place for the student to learn about the importance of transference relationships and to gain awareness of countertransference problems. That such transference and countertransference manifestations also arise with patients he treats elsewhere, requires emphasis. The student will need guidance lest either the transference or the countertransference impair successful therapy or make his efforts too anxiety-provoking.

In the psychiatric outpatient clinic, the student learns the fundamentals of team functioning, which requires some special instruction from social workers and psychologists. Here too, the student can gain some first-hand experience with the social resources offered by the community and how to utilize them.

Some of the work in the psychiatric outpatient clinic should furnish familiarity with the common behavioral and development problems of children. The clinic usually offers an excellent opportunity to observe and study the intimate interrelationships between the problems of parents and children.

# 3. The Teaching of Psychotherapeutic Medicine

The teaching of a psychotherapeutic approach to the care of patients can occur in all branches of medicine, but particularly in internal medicine and pediatrics. As the medical student usually has the most intensive relationship with patients on the medical ward, it is extremely useful if this experience includes work under the supervision of a psychotherapeutically oriented internist or a medically oriented psychiatrist. Psychiatrically supervised work in medical and surgical outpatient clinics contains advantages, for the patient lives in his home surroundings and the student can become aware of the impact of social difficulties upon the patient. As departments of pediatrics become less occupied with the treatment of infectious diseases and nutritional disorders and turn more and more to the correction of physical and emotional developmental problems, they have become more intimately involved in the psychiatric teaching.

During the fourth year, the student should learn something of the psychotherapeutic approach to medical practice. This usually involves work with social workers as well as psychiatrists. If the physicians working in the medical outpatient clinic have a basic understanding of emotional problems and consider the patient rather than the illness as a focus of the therapeutic effort, the teaching problem is relatively simple. Otherwise, it appears necessary to have a psychiatrist present to help with the teaching. It is suggested that the

student study at least one patient intensively over a fairly long period of time. A proper work-up of patients with so-called psychosomatic disorders such as peptic ulcer, ulcerative colitis, essential hypertension, bronchial asthma, etc., should habitually include an attempt to understand the emotional conflicts and needs which confront the patient at the time he seeks therapy. A satisfactory experience with one or two such patients is more instructive than considerable didactic teaching in psychosomatic medicine. Such work, concerned with the comprehensive care of the patient, requires recognition of the patient's individuality and how personality factors affect the course of his illness. The student is taught the effects of emotions upon physiologic functioning with tangible demonstrations whenever possible. Attention should be called to the precipitation of illness or recurrences of illness during emotional Equally important are the effects of illness upon personality functioning and the difficulties and abilities of adjustment to chronic conditions. How patients use regression as a defense during illness requires particular emphasis. These general problems are of greater importance in preparing the student for practice than are attempts to relate specific personality types to the various psychosomatic illnesses. During his work in the general hospital setting, the student needs to learn the fundamentals of making a proper psychiatric referral and what he might reasonably expect from a consulting psychiatrist.

Either in child psychiatry or in pediatrics, or both, the student needs to see at first hand a variety of the minor behavior problems of children, such as sleeping and feeding difficulties, enuresis, temper tantrums, and negativistic behavior as well as the more serious psychiatric problems of childhood and adolescence. In addition, an introduction to the problems of the handicapped child-particularly the mental deficiencies—is important to help the student learn the complexities of such situations, what can be done about them, and how he as a physician can deal more adequately with them. Familiarity with the problems of mental deficiency in both children and adults demands a greater interest than in the past. Approximately one in every hundred persons is involved and the physician can not remain relatively unconcerned.

Various other clinical departments provide excellent opportunities for teaching the psychiatric aspects of medical practice. For example: the teaching of preventive medicine lends itself to the study of social problems in the community; obstetrics and gynecology, particularly where natural childbirth and rooming-in are utilized, permit teaching of the emotional aspects of childbirth, motherhood, and the disorders of the female reproductive system; work in surgery affords a great many opportunities for consideration of the emotional problems of patients, particularly concerning differential diagnosis, pre- and postoperative management, the successful induction of anesthesia, the polysurgical patient, and accident proneness.

### Conclusion

The committee recognizes that their efforts to outline curriculum content rather than teaching methods, and the avoidance of discussion of the philosophy of psychiatry in medical school education, has produced an unbalanced report. However, the book "Psychiatry and Medical Education" discusses perspectives of medical education at length. This document simply seeks to expand upon one chapter of the book with the specific purpose of outlining the content of the curriculum in psychiatry.

All of the committee members agree that they seek ways of providing the student with a body of knowledge and skills which will foster a more comprehensive perspective concerning patients and their illnesses, a curiosity about people that will stimulate scientific investigations, and a personal art and skill in the utilization of the doctor-patient relationship. The curriculum should not focus on training physicians to become psychiatrists, but rather upon developing well-rounded physicians, who, in their relationships with all patients, recognize the importance of unconscious motivation, the role of emotional maladjustment in the etiology and chronicity of illness, the emotional and personality problems engendered by various illnesses; and who habitually see the patient in his family and general environmental setting. If such goals are attained, the student's education can and will continue throughout his life.

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# **Editorials and Comments**

# The American Foundation Report on Medical Research'

POR THE LAST 15 years, the American Foundation, established in 1924 by Edward Bok, has been making a study of American medical research. The staff, consisting of Esther Everett Lape, Eleanor M. Phillips and Margaret Thomas Edgar, has just published, with the help and advice of an impressive committee of consultants, a two-volume report which covers in a comprehensive, though not exhaustive way, medical research "in the perspective of biological, chemical, physical and mathematical science." The organization of this report is briefly set forth in a review found in the Book Review section of this issue of the Journal (See pp 145). So important to medical educators, however, are some of the findings of the report that they obviously deserve highlighting and editorial comment.

In the foreword of the report, Curtis Bok states "The present survey of far-flung research that contributes to medical progress resulted from the conviction that emerged from our first medical study, (American Medicine: expert testimony out of court) that it is useless to discuss the administrative problem of distributing medical care and the economic problem of paying for it without reference to the central need of having a sufficient number of trained physicians capable of providing a type of medical care that can justify elaborate plans for distributing it and paying for it. We are convinced that the only genuine medical insurance for this country lies in making the benefits of science available to all practitioners and to all patients."

In Esther Lape's introductory chapter she states "... the heart of the matter (of medical care) is the need of supporting and expanding research in medicine as a life science involving the whole field of biology and the contributions, in theory as well as in instrumentation, of chemistry, physics, mathematics." She goes on to say "Every dramatic result of research is publicly acclaimed, but the need of the undramatic basic research continuing for years perhaps without direct clinical application is not understood. The public tends to associate the medical research of the past with control of epidemics and abolition of scourges. It tends to associate the medical research of the future with 'discovery' of more and better miracle drugs. It supports drives for 'conquering' cancer and preventing poliomyelitis but still shows little realization of the many fronts along which investigative work must be pursued before there is light on the fundamental mechanisms in any disease, for instance, the nature of atypical growth in cancer."

She concludes, "The most urgent of present national needs in the medical field is thus conceived to be expansion and improvement of medical education integrally related to research, and progressive improvement of medical practice, steadily lessening the empirical nature of applications of new knowledge to medicine. The medical research involved must be in biological perspective, utilizing the contributions of chemistry, physics, mathematics and the results of research on atomic energy.

"This is the thesis of this study; it is the point of view of the American Foundation, of its committee of consultants and by every implication, of the hundreds of investigators and teachers that contribute to this work."

To the above statements most medical educators would offer a whole-hearted amen. D.F.S.

1. Medical Research: A Midcentury Survey. Volume 1, American Medical Research: in principle and practice. Esther Everett Lape, Eleanor M. Phillips, and Margaret Thomas Edgar. Published for the American Foundation by Little, Brown & Co., Boston 1955.

# The Supply of Cadavers

The National Society for Medical Research devoted the November-December 1955 issue of its Bulletin for Medical Research largely to problems related to the supply of cadavers, and in so doing highlighted a number of points that are of considerable interest to medical educators.

A questionnaire study made this last summer by the Society revealed that 27 of our medical schools considered their supply of cadavers in-adequate and 15 listed their supply as "adequate but not ample." In eight medical schools the supply of cadavers is so inadequate as to make it necessary to assign more than four students to a cadaver for anatomical dissection. Instances in which bodies have been willed to a medical school were reported as common in eight schools, quite common in five schools, and not common in 64 schools.

In 38 states, and the District of Columbia, the individual is not able to will his body to a medical school since in those states the body is held to have value as property and this property value falls to the next of kin. Nine states do, however, have laws enabling a person to will his body to science without fear of having his will broken by surviving relatives. In the state of California willed bodies are reported to be the major source of supply for certain of the medical colleges. Fundamental to the success and continuation of this plan are the handling of the bodies with dignity and respect, and provision for cremation or interment of remains with appropriate funeral services if desired.

Though anatomical laws are in effect in most of the 39 states in which medical schools are located these laws too frequently are not operating effectively, sometimes because state hospital superintendents are not kept fully aware of the medical school needs for unclaimed bodies, sometimes because the Welfare Department stipend for burial of unclaimed bodies is higher than it should be, sometimes because more recently passed laws and conflicting social welfare laws are given preference over the other public health laws. In a recent article reviewing the state laws governing the procurement of cadavers for scientific purposes, Dr. Russell T. Woodburne and Dr. Ernest Gardner make nine recommendations regarding desirable changes in our state anatomical laws.

Important among the changes recommended was inclusion of the right of an individual to will his own body to medical science.

The conclusions which can be quite safely drawn from the facts presented in the two studies quoted above are: (1) in every state in which human bodies are needed for research or teaching there should be an Anatomical Board on which anatomy teachers are well represented; (2) Anatomical Boards should periodically review the anatomical laws of their state and recommend changes that will keep them adequate to the changing needs; (3) Anatomical Boards should maintain close liaison with superintendents of state hospitals, and with responsible groups of funeral directors, thus keeping them well informed of the law and the need of the schools for unclaimed bodies and (4) if bodies are to be obtained by bequest in substantial numbers every precaution will have to be taken to handle them with proper dignity and respect and provision made for cremation, burial and funeral services as requested by relatives.—D.F.S.

# **American Medical Writers' Association**

The American Medical Writers' Association, recently affiliated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, has made rapid growth in the 15 years of its existence. This growth has been especially accelerated in the four years since its incorporation as a not-for-profit organization; its membership, in fact, with a total of nearly 700 on September 1, 1955, had increased by almost 200 during the year.

The purpose of such an organization as the American Medical Writers' Association—defined as "improvement of the written word of medicine" —represents a desire to meet a need much greater than is immediately apparent. This need is not only for an improvement in content of the thousands of medical journals in publication in the world. It is a need for the promotion of much better medical reporting in the lay press than is usually evident, for the assurance of factual and ethical advertising copy, for the preparation of dignified and conservative material for the uses of pharmaceutical houses and, in fact, for all such uses as they concern either the medical profession or the public.

The Association has accomplished much since its incorporation cleared the way for a more vigorous progression. In 1951 it added the publication of a quarterly bulletin to its activities. In 1952 it inaugurated a medical-manuscript-editing service—probably the first such noncommercial service on the continent—and in the same year it established honor awards for American and Canadian medical periodicals for distinguished service in medical journalism, and an annual distinguished-service award to be given an individual member "for distinguished contributions to medical literature or unusual and distinguished service to the medical profession." An honor award is also available to be bestowed from time to time on a nonmember of the Association who has made distinguished contributions to medical literature.

RUSSELL T. WOODBURNE, M.D. and ERNEST GARDNER, M.D.: "The History of Anatomical Laws in the U.S.," Bull, for Med. Research, National Society for Medical Research, Chicago, May-June 1954.

The most important recent result of the Association's activities has been the establishment of three four-year courses in medical journalism and writing, leading to a bachelor's degree, at the universities of Illinois, Missouri and Oklahoma. These courses, activated in September 1954, are in their second full year of operation. A final development has been the establishment in 1954 of a visiting lectureship on medical writing, financed by a grant from Parke, Davis and Company. Under this lectureship, activated in March 1955, Dr. J. P. Gray, director of Special Services of Parke, Davis and Company, has visited a number of teaching centers, where he has lectured to groups of medical students, interns, residents and faculty members.

Encouraging reports on these various enterprises were made at the twelfth annual meeting of the Association, held in St. Louis early in the fall. The three publications selected at that time for awards for distinguished service in medical journalism were Public Health Reports, published by the United States Public Health Service, for general medical periodicals with more than 3,000 circulation; A. M. A. Archives of Surgery, for specialty periodicals; and the Bulletin of Sangamon County Medical Society, in Springfield, Illinois, for periodicals of county and city medical societies of less than 500 members.

"If I have at all learned the trade of using words to convey truth and to arouse emotion," Robert Louis Stevenson wrote in his "Letter on Father Damien," "you have at last furnished me with a subject." The American Medical Writers' Association can rest assured that it is playing some part in promoting the first of these uses.

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# **NEWS DIGEST**

# **MEND News**

The MEND-sponsored symposium for the spring semester begins February 14-16 at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. The subject will be "Infectious Disease Problems."

The symposium is designed to present to professors of public health and preventive medicine, bacteriology, internal medicine and pathology, the problems encountered by the military services in a communicable disease area. It will include formal papers by medical officers and civilian authorities and will be pointed toward the needs of faculty members in maintaining teaching efforts in this field. The Navy is primary sponsor of the symposium with invited participation from Army, Air Force and the Public Health Service.

The final symposium of the current session will be on "Radiobiology," April 9-11, at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Washington, D. C. The program will include scientific treatments of all the medical implications of radioactive materials in both civilian and military usage as related to man. Papers and panel discussions will concern the acute and chronic effects of radioactive materials upon man, from flash burns to genetic effects; symptomatology, diagnosis and treatment of various types of radiation disease; medical problems expected to appear from increasing use of nuclear reactors in civilian enterprise, military problems in maintenance and repair of atomicpowered rehirles of all types. Stress will be placed on the needs of faculty members in handling this primarily new information. The Army is the primary sponsor of the symposium with participation by several other government agencies. Faculty members interested in attending are requested to reserve space as soon as possible with the National Coordinator, MEND, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Department of the Navy, Potomac Annex, Washington 25, D. C.

A tentative program has been prepared for the MEND coordinators conference which will be held on February 12, 1956 at the Palmer House, Chicago. The plan is to assign a group of topics, one to a coordinator, who will be asked to present his views and then call for general discussion from the group. The program is set up as follows:

1. Philosophy of the MEND Program—panel discussion; 2. Selling the faculty on MEND; 3. "Flavoring" the existing curriculum; 4. Visiting speakers; 5. Films and teaching aids; 6. Symposia and faculty travel;

7. MEND teaching projects:

A. First aid instruction and orientation for freshmen

B. Two-day course in mass casualty care; Seattle

C. Field trial of a mobile emergency hospital; Houston (11" color documentary film)

This session is intended to be a "pump-primer" for the coordinators and deans' tour to take place during March.

# Coggeshall Named Aid

Dr. Lowell T. Coggeshall, dean of the University of Chicago School of Medicine, has been named by President Eisenhower as special medical and health affairs assistant to Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Marion Folsom. Dr. Coggeshall, on leave from the university for one year, will review government health and medical programs and advise Secretary Folsom on suggested legislation. He has expressed himself as interested in advocating increased

strength of the nation's medical research facilities, especially in the area of the basic sciences, and in endeavoring to find some solution to the mounting cost of medical care without imperiling the spirit of free enterprise.

# Commonwealth Fund Grants \$1,954,071

The Commonwealth Fund's emphasis upon grants for medical education resulted in appropriations totaling \$1,954,071 in 1955. Support was given to 27 institutions for activities directly related to this field.

The money was apportioned to provide further study in projects such as the relationship between medicine and social science; the social psychology of illness; and curriculum experimentation to provide better learning experiences for students. Some appropriations were also made toward administrative costs.

In addition the fund provided 28 individual awards for advanced fellowships in the health field. The chief objective of these awards was to enable the receivers to secure added training which would, in turn, make possible the strengthening of an institution's educational program.

# Dr. Youmans Heads Study

Dr. John B. Youmans, dean of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and president-elect of the Association of American Medical Colleges for 1956-57, has assumed the directorship of two government teams now undertaking nutritional investigations in the military forces of Iran and Pakistan. The project is part of the U.S. technical assistance program for friendly nations in the Near, Middle and Far East, and the supervisory agency is the departmental committee on Nutrition for National Defense whose chairman is Dr. Frank B. Berry, assistant secretary of defense. Dr. Youmans, on leave from Vanderbilt, is replacing Dr. Harold R. Sandstead, who was killed in a Colorado plane crash Nov. 1.

# **More Rapid Army Promotions**

Recognizing the long and expensive training required of doctors before they can qualify for Army commissions, Maj. Gen. Silas B. Hays, Army Surgeon General, has announced that physicians will be eligible for temporary promotion one year sooner than other army officers. These are promotions to the grade of major, lieutenant colonel and colonel. Consideration is also being given to more rapid promotion of lieutenants to the grade of captain.

As a result of this policy, it is estimated that 390 medical officers will be promoted to higher grades during the period ending June 30, 1956.

# \$401,960 for Hospital Research

The Public Health Service has awarded \$401,960 in grants for hospital research. Eligible for the grants are states, counties and communities, universities, hospitals and other nonprofit institutions. Work must be directed toward developing new information on the use of hospital services, facilities and resources.

# Proctology Seminar

The 8th annual teaching seminar of the International Academy of Proctology will be held at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, April 23 to 26, 1956. The international, national and local program committees are planning a seminar on anorectal and colon surgery. There will be special emphasis on anorectal presentations and panel discussions.

# Markle Foundation Report

The John and Mary R. Markle Foundation's 1954-55 annual report reveals an income of over \$1,000,000 for the first time in its history. Of this, the largest share was appropriated to continue the program in support of Markle Scholars. The largest single grant went to Stanford University to assist in consolidating its

medical school on the Stanford campus. The foundation also continued to help support studies relating to medical students conducted by the Association of American Medical Colleges. These studies included such subjects as the cost to the student of attending medical school, success of older students in medical schools, and research on women in medicine and the extent to which they practice.

# **Tobacco Research Grants**

Research grants approved by the Tobacco Industry Research Committee passed the \$838,000 mark with 19 new grants and nine renewed grants announced at the end of 1955. The new grants and renewals totaled more than \$355,000. They will be used for research into tobacco use and health by independent scientists at recognized hospitals, laboratories and medical schools throughout the country.

# **New Publication**

A new publication, the first weekly newspaper of its kind for physicians and their associates in the medical profession, was introduced on January 2 by the Upjohn company, pharmaceutical manufacturers of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Entitled "SCOPE Weekly," a service to the

medical profession by Physicians News Service, Inc., it is designed to bring to physicians current news and information of medicine and related sciences.

# **New Fellowship Program**

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has instituted a new fellowship program for surgeons interested in advanced study to prepare themselves for teaching or research in orthopedics. Appointments will be made for one year but renewal of the fellowship may be requested. Complete information regarding this program can be obtained by writing to the Division of Professional Education, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, 120 Broadway, New York.

# Cancer Grants

The Damon Runyon Memorial Fund for Cancer Research ended the past year with grants totaling \$92,205. Dan Parker, fund president, announced that no money received by the fund has been used for administrative expenses. The allocations have been made in 609 grants and 327 fellowships in 205 institutions in 48 states, the District of Columbia and 16 foreign countries.

# College Briefs

# Buffalo

The school of medicine will embark in September 1956 upon an experimental project in the training of medical teachers. This program, which has been made possible by a grant from the Commonwealth Fund, will have the cooperation and assistance of the school of education and the college of arts and sciences. It will be directed by Dr. George E. Miller, assistant professor of medicine.

The purpose of the program will be to determine whether the development of increased faculty familiarity with fundamental educational principles can make a significant contribution to the betterment of medical education. Four visiting faculty positions will be offered for this period to faculty members of other medical schools who might wish to participate in this program.

### U. of California

RICHARD J. STULL has been appointed to the new post of vice president—medical sciences at the university. In this post he will hold statewide administrative responsibility for the university's teaching, research and service programs in the health sciences.

The university has also announced the appointment of Dr. John B. de C. M. Saunders, former chairman of the department of anatomy, as dean of the school of medicine, San Francisco.

# Cincinnati

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has made a grant of \$200,797 to the University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Research Foundation for continued research toward a live virus vaccine, under the direction of Dr. Albert B. Sabin, professor of research pediatrics and fellow of the hospital foundation. This is the largest grant made by the foundation in Ohio for 1956 and one of the largest in the nation. Dr. Sabin, whose research has received 16 grants from the foundation in the past, announced on his recent return from Europe that he has made arrangements for cooperation in a number of foreign countries on studies related to his poliomyelitis research.

# Duke

Former surgical residents among Duke University Medical Alumni have appointed a committee to organize the "Deryl Hart Society" in honor of Dr. Deryl Hart, professor of surgery. Purpose of the society will be to promote surgical teaching and research, as well as to add to general knowledge in the field of surgery through annual meetings.

# Emory

An unrestricted grant of \$600,000 from the Commonwealth Fund has been received by the university and will be used to strengthen its educational service in the further development of Atlanta as a regional medical center. Emory also has announced the appointment of Dr. Daniel C. Elkin, professor emeritus of surgery and former head of the department of surgery, as president-elect of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. J. Elliott Scarborough, director of

the Winship Clinic at Emory University Hospital, has been elected to the national board of directors of the American Cancer Society.

# Georgetown

Two new research grants have been given to the medical center by the Public Health Service. They total \$28,290 and will be used for a project in cardiovascular and cardioval-vular replacement and to study the chemotherapy of hypertension.

# Harvard

Announcement has been made of the appointment of Dr. David G. Freiman to the posts of pathologist-in-chief and director of laboratories at Beth Israel Hospital, and clinical professor of pathology at the Harvard Medical School. Dr. Freiman was formerly director of the Bethesda Hospital laboratory and professor of pathology at the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine.

Dr. CHARLES CARROLL LUND, Boston surgeon, whose research has made important contributions to studies of protein metabolism in surgical patients and the treatment of burns and cancer diagnosis, has been appointed clinical professor of surgery.

# Jefferson

Dr. Heinrich Brieger, professor and director of the division of industrial medicine at Jefferson Medical College, has received a grant of \$22,000 from the Atomic Energy Commission for research on the effects of radioactive particulars in lung tissue.

### Kansas

Research grants totaling \$109,038 have been awarded the Medical Center by the National Advisory Councils of the Public Health Service.

Dr. GLEN R. SHEPHERD, assistant professor of medicine and administrative assistant to the dean, has been appointed to the post of assistant secretary of the American Medical

Association Council on Medical Education and Hospitals.

#### **Medical Evangelists**

A new anatomy amphitheater seating 178 has been completed on the Loma Linda campus. This \$100,000 addition will aid in teaching and will serve as an additional site for group meetings.

#### Meharry

Grants-in-aid for current projects at the Meharry Medical College total \$154,770, the highest for any single year in the school's history. Grants for new projects and renewals of grants for established projects have been awarded by the National Institutes of Health of the Public Health Service, the Atomic Energy Commission, the American Cancer Society, the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation, the National Science Foundation and Hazelton Laboratories. They cover the general fields of nutrition, metabolism, radiobiology, radiation therapeutics, immunology and cancer research.

#### SUNY-Brooklyn

The College of Medicine in Brooklyn has received \$24,000 from the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation to support a program of student research scholarships in the field of reproduction. The grant will be divided into five awards of \$4,800 to provide eight Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation scholarships in reproduction each year. Student winners will receive \$500 each, the balance to be used for laboratory expenses.

#### N.Y.U.-Bellevue

Dr. Arthur Zitrin, assistant clinical professor of psychiatry at New York University College of Medicine, has been appointed director of the psychiatric service of Bellevue Hospital Center, succeeding Dr. Lewis I. Sharp who has been director for the past seven years. Dr. Sharp will continue on the teaching staff of the department of psychiatry.

Final plans have been made for the construction of Alumni Hall at New York University-Bellevue Medical Center. The fourth building of a \$32 million development program, the hall will be provided with the most modern equipment for sterioptic slides, moving pictures, television and various other features of audiovisual aids as well as for demonstration purposes. It is scheduled for completion in 1956.



#### CORRECTION:

The \$28 million West Virginia University Medical Center new under construction is shown in this aerial photograph. From the mechanical plant in the foreground a 750 foot utilities tunnel sweeps back to the basic sciences building. To the left of the latter building is the site of the teaching hospital and clinic. In our January issue we inadvertently captioned this picture as the Virginia University Medical Center. We sincerely regret this error.

# Audiovisual News

## The Use of TV in Teaching Physiology and Anatomy

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The television camera is, for many practical purposes, a magnifying glass held by the teacher between a small field of observation and a class of observer-learners. For example, the TV camera may be held in front of an exposed nerve for sufficient magnification to permit the whole class to see it on the TV receiver or the camera may be held in front of a microscope to multiply the magnification already achieved by the microscope. The experiences in using the magnifying glass of television for the teaching of physiology and anatomy intramurally in medical schools is herewith presented by the authors.

#### The Reasons for Initiating Television

The authors represent five institutions presently using television for teaching the basic sciences. These schools are Temple University School of Medicine, Albany Medical College, University of Chicago School of Medicine, Louisiana State University School of Medicine, and the University of Kansas School of Medicine. The reasons and circumstances for initiating television in these widely

separated institutions are varied.

At Temple University School of Medicine, Dr. Herbert M. Stauffer saw television as a logical extension of a fluoroscopic image amplifier with a viewing screen of only 25 mm. diameter. Television enlargement of the image could conceivably permit large groups to see fluoroscopy in the same room or at a distance.

At Louisiana State University School of Medicine the increasing volume of facts in physiology which were transmitted by laboratory demonstrations on animals—many of which cannot be performed by the students themselves for reasons of time, cost and difficulty of technique—suggested that TV might become the extension of the demonstrator's power to show small details.

At the University of Chicago School of Medicine Dr. I. Gersh, then in charge of gross anatomy (1951), approached Dr. William Adams, of the department of surgery, regarding the feasibility of using surgery to give freshmen medical students some appreciation of the color, consistency and plasticity of living tissues and organs. The practical difficulties of having 10 or more students view the surgical procedures from the operating room floor tended to preclude this type of observation and suggested color television with two-way oral communication between the surgeon and the student observers,

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<sup>\*</sup>Supported by Grant HT-5041, United States Public Health Service.



AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS School of Medicine television provides the surgeon's eye views of the operative field for the students who actually witness the surgery in a gallery classroom. Slides, motion pictures, blackboard (with ultra-violet light and fluorescent chalk) and view boxes permit a range of teaching approaches to surgery as living anatomy.

guided by the anatomy instructor.

At Kansas University Medical Center one use of color television was conceived to be an aid in achieving motivation toward clinical medicine in freshmen separated geographically from the hospital and clinical faculty. Secondarily it was used to present surgical anatomy in the living patient to the first year students receiving their formal course in anatomy.

At Albany a grant providing limited funds for the purchase of equipment and initial technical aid helped satisfy the desire to explore the feasibility and practicality of intramural TV.

Thus, in the schools presently employing television for teaching physiology or anatomy it is used principally as an answer to the problem of presenting small fields of phenomena to larger groups or to a whole class of students.

#### Learning Experiences Provided by Television

The use of medical television in the past six years has raised the question as to what learning experiences can be effectively or efficiently provided by television. It appears that television can be used to enhance certain demonstrations regularly performed.

For example, at L.S.U. television is being used to demonstrate the reaction of the heart to nerve stimulations, drug injections and defibrillation procedures; the secretory activity of various glands; the movements of extremities in response to cerebral cortical stimulation; isometric muscle contractions and reflexes; and manipulative and surgical techniques of physiology such as cannulation, nerve exposure and muscle preparation.



TELEVISION CAMERA fixed above an operating table in the Nathan Goldblatt Memorial Hospital at the University of Chicago. The monitor and control unit may be seen in the background behind the glass panel. This unit is operated by a lab technician with television training. (This and the following two photos made under the direction of Willard Webber, television coordinator.)

At Chicago demonstrations in surgery are being done with less disturbance to the operating room routine, with superior visibility and accommodation of greater numbers of students. In addition the demonstrations are kept "live."

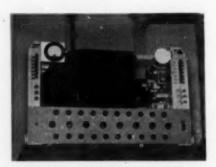
At Albany television is similarly used to enlarge the field involved in surgical operations. As in the case in basic science demonstrations at Albany, special lighting is not required, which is an added attractive feature.

The University of Kansas Medical Center has used surgical TV with freshmen students for the purpose of motivation. The first year students at Lawrence are separated by 40 miles from the medical center at Kansas City. During orientation week in 1954 the freshmen were brought to Kansas City by bus and, as part of their orientation-stimulus activities, wit-

nessed surgery from the surgical gallery; television added big closeups of the operative fields.

Television is virtually essential for certain demonstrations. For example, those demonstrations of electrophysiological techniques which use the small oscilloscope screen can be viewed by a whole class only when television is employed. The same holds true in the case of electroencephalography where the recording machinery is in a small room which makes ordinary demonstrations of the equipment practical only for very small groups at a time.

It should be emphasized that the TV-image amplifier combination has eliminated the need for dark adaptation and has increased sharpness of the image because central or cone rather than rod vision is used. Filling of the gallbladder with cholografin and flow into the liver duct radicles are examples of gastrointestinal applications. The behavior of the esophagogastric junction and of gastric and intestinal peristalses are now easily taught to groups where before these could not be done. Swallowing and the behavior of the epiglottis can easily be seen. The crista interveniens of Lower<sup>1</sup> could hitherto be demonstrated only by dissection or X-rays. (The crista interveniens represents the ridge that intervenes between the anterior caval channel and the via dextra or right terminal division of the posterior caval channel.)



CLOSE-UP of the television monitor and control unit of the University of Chicago.



AT THE UNIVERSITY OF Chicago the television receiver is located in a conference room. The coordinator communicates with the surgeon by means of a telephone hook-up. The surgeon's comments are broadcast to the viewers by way of the speaker unit "on the lower right center of the receiver.

#### Location of Equipment

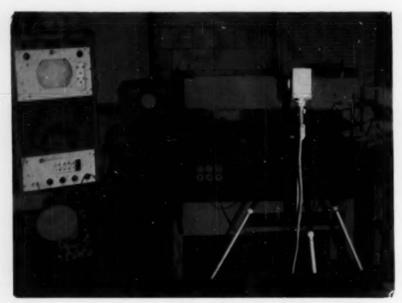
The equipment in the five institutions is used for intramural teaching and therefore both the camera and receivers are housed either in the same room or in rooms which can be connected by coaxial cable. At Temple, Albany and Kansas the portable equipment is taken ordinarily to the laboratory or area most suitable for the demonstration and therefore the camera and receivers are in the same room. At L.S.U. the students and demonstrations are kept in different rooms for two reasons: one, observers and some class members feel that the elimination of distracting activities of the assistants was of considerable help in concentrating on the visual and auditory information being presented via the receivers; two, the demonstrators liked the freedom of movement gained by working in a larger, better equipped laboratory adjacent. It should be noted that orientation is achieved by having a staff member in the lecture room supplementing the commentary and relaying questions by telephone to the demonstrator. Further, the class is invited to inspect the actual preparation and equipment after the demonstration is over.

At all locations TV is used from remote points of orientation at least on occasion. At Temple the camera is placed in front of the image amplifier in the physiology X-ray room and coaxial cable carries the picture to the laboratory or lecture room. When surgical operations are televised at Albany the picture is carried to an audience in a conference room; there is two-way audio communication with the operating room. At Chicago, where the surgical TV is used by anatomy, the camera is fixed in an operating room five floors above the classroom, with audio intercommunication. At Kansas, television of surgical anatomy is carried from the surgical suite to any classroom where reception is desired.

#### The Equipment Used

Experience and satisfaction is being gained with a variety of equipment. At L.S.U. the basic equipment is a KAY-LAB black and white vidicon camera chain now costing about \$2,500. Two 21" standard make, table model receivers cost \$360. Cables, 16 mm. lenses, tripod, sound amplifier and other accessories brought the total initial cost at present prices to about \$3,400.° Black and white TV appears to be adequate for the teaching of physiology; certain phenomena are rendered even more visible: for example, the papilla of the pancreatic duct on the duodenal wall is considerably more visible, through increased contrast, on the monitor

<sup>\*</sup>Supported by the National Fund for Medical Education.



THE KAY-LAB camera chain used at Louisiana State University School of Medicine.

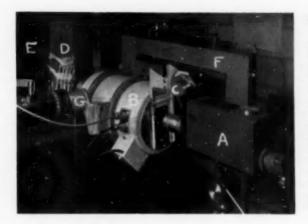
and class television screens than it is in the actual dog.

At Albany "image-orthicon" type black and white equipment similar to that of commercial studios was constructed and in some instances specially designed by their own director of electronics (Charles Schaffer). Camera sensitivity and definition is very good. It is felt that with the use of presently available compatible color equipment which can maintain definition comparable to black and white the usefulness of the medium would be augmented. However, it is felt that the cost and operation of color equipment is still relatively too expensive.

Temple uses an RCA Industrial Vidicon Television Camera Chain, black and white, with a monitran sound track which can be used in association with the television. A word about extra receivers used at Temple is pertinent. Both video and video-modulated radio frequency outputs for extra monitors are provided

in most camera monitors. For maximum image quality the straight video is used with a video monitor. However, with only slight image deterioration, any standard television receiver of any size may be used by connecting its antenna terminals to the camera monitor's RF output through a coaxial cable. The output is adjusted to one of the standard television channels and the receiver set to the same channel. In the interest of economy, secondhand receivers have been used with good results. Up to 10 or more receivers may be operated simultaneously at considerable distances from the camera monitor.

The equipment at Chicago and Kansas is Remington Rand CBS Vericolor. Chicago and Kansas use 10.5" receivers with magnifier bubbles. Kansas has nine of these receivers. In addition both Kansas and Chicago have large screen projectors recently made available by the American Cancer Society. The screen image is  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ' x 6'.



EQUIPMENT USED of Temple University School of Medicine, "A' is on RCA industrial television camera; "B" is a Philips Image Amplifier; "C" is a rotating support for a motion picture camera; "D" is pressed wood equal in density to a 28 cm. human chest supporting the skeleton of a hand: "E" is a vertical fluoroscope table with X-ray tube source behind "F" is a fluoroscope screen held at a right angle to the fluoroscope table, and "G" is the supporting stand for the image amplifier.

#### Cost or Investment

Television is expensive, but when considered in the light of increased time made available by it for teaching and its ability to present things which were not demonstrated well before, it is mutually agreed that it is possibly not excessive. At L.S.U. it is felt that the investment in the black and white vidicon system has been well repaid in terms of increased teaching capabilities, with the added bonus of valuable experience, much of which can be applied to work with color TV in the future. At Chicago it is obvious that the installation of color equipment solely for the use they are making of it in gross anatomy would be considered very expensive; however, a recognition and full employment of TV teaching capabilities in other courses would cause a downward revision in the estimation of its cost. At Kansas, with the longest and heaviest use and experience with color TV, returns upon the large investment are being followed as closely as an experimental situation permits. An accurate appraisal of values cannot fairly be computed at this time. Certainly costs and economies must be weighed and compared.

#### The Future

The short past of television has

brough! satisfaction to the authors, and the potential has barely been explored. There are very few categories of medical education in which TV cannot be used successfully as a visual aid. The full employment of television will near realization when its use becomes as familiar and natural as the use of microscopes, slides, dissections, films and the like. As more people gain actual experience in using TV there will be better selection and more efficiency in arranging program materials.

It is evident at Temple in particular that correlations cutting across departmental lines\* will extend future application. Here the association in physiology with the departments of roentgenology and medicine has been very fruitful. For example, in conjoined research with these departments TV has visualized the use of carbon dioxide gas in the intracardiac structures in situ and demonstrated the safety of this gas2. The in situ behavior of heart valves in the opened chest has already been demonstrated to classes by means of TV. Clinically, TV has been used with the image amplifier in neurosurgery to place Horseley-Clarke electrodes, in preparation for heart surgery to observe angiocardiography, in gastroenterology to demon-

<sup>\*</sup>With Dr. T. M. Durant, Dr. H. M. Stauffer and Mr. George Stewart III.

strate cardiospasm and disturbances in swallowing, and in orthopedics to visualize venous drainage from bodies

of vertebrae.

A prediction of the future of television in teaching physiology and anatomy requires more experience and study than is presently available. It would seem safe to say that it will be used for several purposes. First, television can better teach certain phenomena that are now being taught by other means. There is no question of its ability to enlarge macroscopic materials for large group observation. Second, television will be used to teach things that have been impossible or impractical to present before. Just as the advent of the microscope augmented research and teaching, it is safe to predict that the most significant role of television in anatomy and physiology, as in all medical science, will be to observe and communicate phenomena previously beyond the scope of available research and teaching tools.

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# **Book Reviews**

#### Medical Research: A Midcentury Survey

Eather Everett Lapes, Eleanor M. Phillips and Margaret Thomas Edgar for the American Foundation. Little Brown and Company, Boston, 1955, Two volumes—Vol. I of 765 pp., Vol. 2 of 749 pp. \$15

The American Foundation was established by Edward Bok in 1924. This is the fourth report to be published by the Foundation on studies completed in quite widely separated fields. Study I concerned itself with "the role in international relations of the judicial settlement of international disputes and the progressive codification of international law." Study 2 documented "the relations of record between the United States and the Soviet Union." Study 3 set forth "the principles involved in ways of distributing and paying for medical care."

This study, study 4, attempts to describe and summarize "research in biology, chemistry and physics in relation to the maintenance of high standards of medical education and of medical care for the whole population." It grew out of the conviction arrived at in Study 3, "that it is useless to discuss the administrative problem of paying for it without reference to the central need of having a sufficient number of trained physicians capable of providing a type of medical care that can justify elaborate plans for distributing it and paying for it."

Volume I is devoted to a discussion of the biological basis of medicine, to the contributions of chemistry, physics and mathematics to biological and medical research, to the conditions affecting basic research in the foundation, the voluntary health agencies, the pharmaceutical laboratories, the endowed research institutes and the universities and medical schools. It summarizes the trends in financing research, describes the evolving role of government in research and points out the social influences which come to bear upon medical research and medical investigators. A round-up of medical research projects currently going on in a dozen of our universities serves as a fine sample, though a select one, of the contributions higher education is making. Of particular interest to medical educators is the section on the trends in financial research. Volume 2 attempts to point out the currently most obvious unsolved problems in the 10 important fields of metabolism, cancer, infertility, arteriosclerosis, hypertension, the rheumatic syndromes, tuberculosis, urology, alcoholism and schizophrenia.

Though this study encompasses a tremendous number of research fields it would appear from the comments made by authorities in these various fields that the summary in each of the fields has been skillfully and fairly done. All seem in agreement that this two volume work should be of real interest to all medical investigators and to many researchers in related fields. Medical education and the medical profession as a whole owe the authors and the American Foundation a real debt of gratitude for

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#### **Adaptive Human Fertility**

port of a 15-year study.

Paul S. Henshaw, Ph.D. McGraw-Hill Book Company Inc., New York, 1986, 222 pp. with Index. \$5.50

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Dr. Henshaw's book is absorbing and indeed fascinating. He has taken upon himself the herculean task of not only defining man's place in nature's scheme, but also of making concrete suggestions toward the fundamental objective of long-range progressive improvement of human welfare. He approaches this from group behavior, cultural mores, demographic trends, health conditions, down to sexual expression, and shows that in the last analysis the considerations must inevitably come back to the behavior of individual couples.

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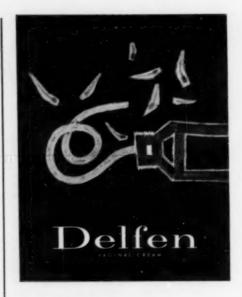
# Cardiac Diagnosis: A Physiologic Approach

Robert F. Rushmer, M.D. W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia, 1955, 447 pp. with index.

As the author states in the preface, this book represents an approach to cardiac diagnosis based on the function and control of the heart under normal and abnormal conditions, emphasizing the mechanisms by which disease processes produce signs and symptoms. The reviewer's opinion is that this object has been achieved in an interesting and readable manner. The two column per page text is supplemented with 234 figures of line drawings and photographs consecutively numbered for each of the 20 chapters and 11 tables of data.

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William Wallace Morrison, M.D. Appelton-Century-Crofts, Inc., New York, 1955, 756 pp. with index.

In this revision of a textbook specifically written for undergraduate students and general practitioners, Dr. Morrison has succeeded in concisely presenting an abundance of selected clinical data. It is written simply and with discernment. The viewpoint is the broad one of the physician as well as that of

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The subject index is complete and in addition there is a unique and valuable symptom index. The line drawings are adequate to illustrate anatomical and surgical points; however, kodachromes of the appearance of specific disease states involving the eardrums and throat would have been desirable.

H. Sherwood Lawrence, N.Y.U.

### **Books and Pamphlets** Received

(As space permits, those with the greatest interest to our readers will be reviewed)

#### Handbook of Physiology and Biochemistry

R. J. S. McDowall, Blakiston Division, Mc-Graw-Hill, New York, 1955, 759 pp. with Graw-index.

# Planning New Institutional Facilities for Long Term Care

Edna Nicholson. G. P. Putman's Sons, New York, 1956, 358 pp. with index.

#### Modern Nutrition in Health and Disease

Edited by Wohl and Goodbart. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia, 1955, 1062 pp. with index.

#### **Talking With Patients**

Brian Bird, M.D. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, 1955, 154 pp. with index.

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- Physiologist—Biophysicist: M.D., 35, married, experienced in use of radioisotopes, electronics, desires teaching-research position. Available July 1, 1956. Address: A-208
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